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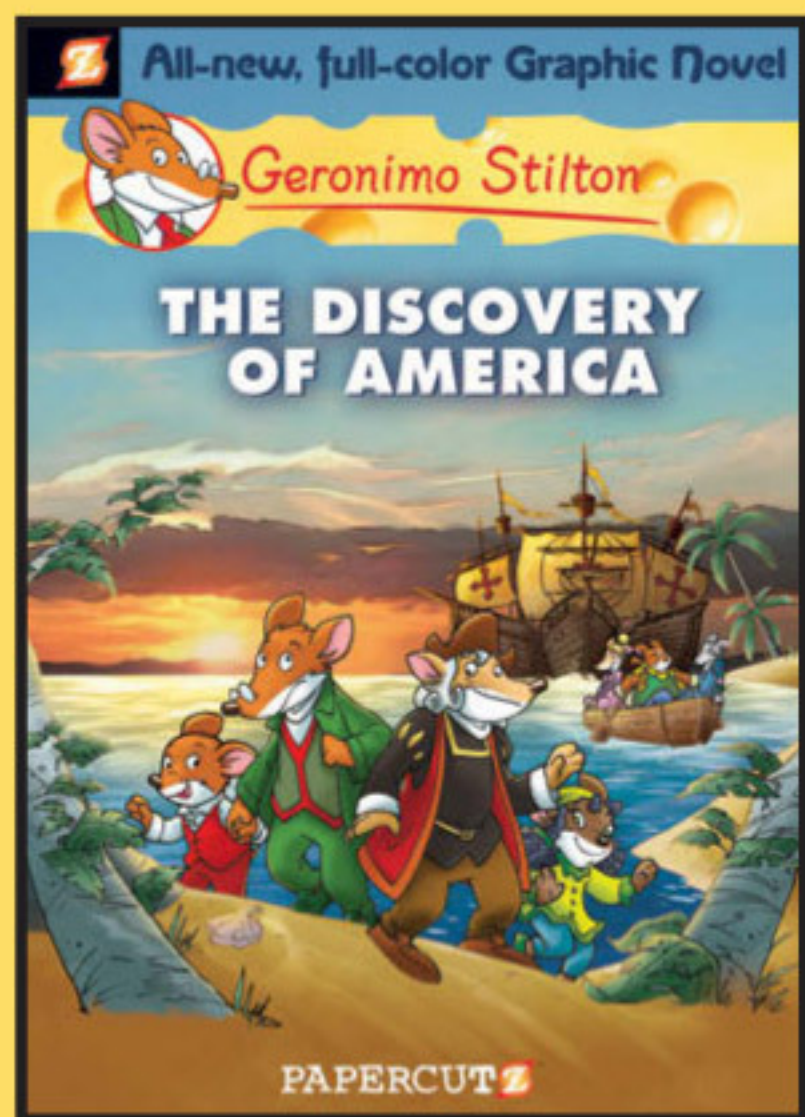


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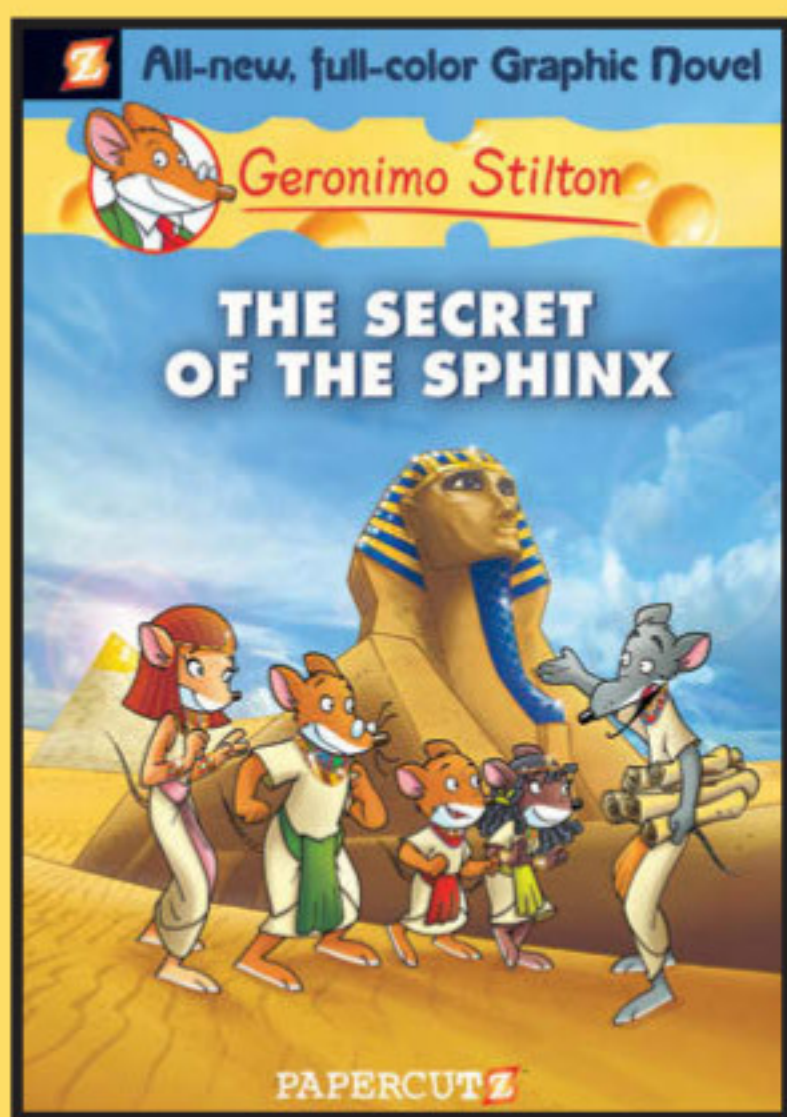


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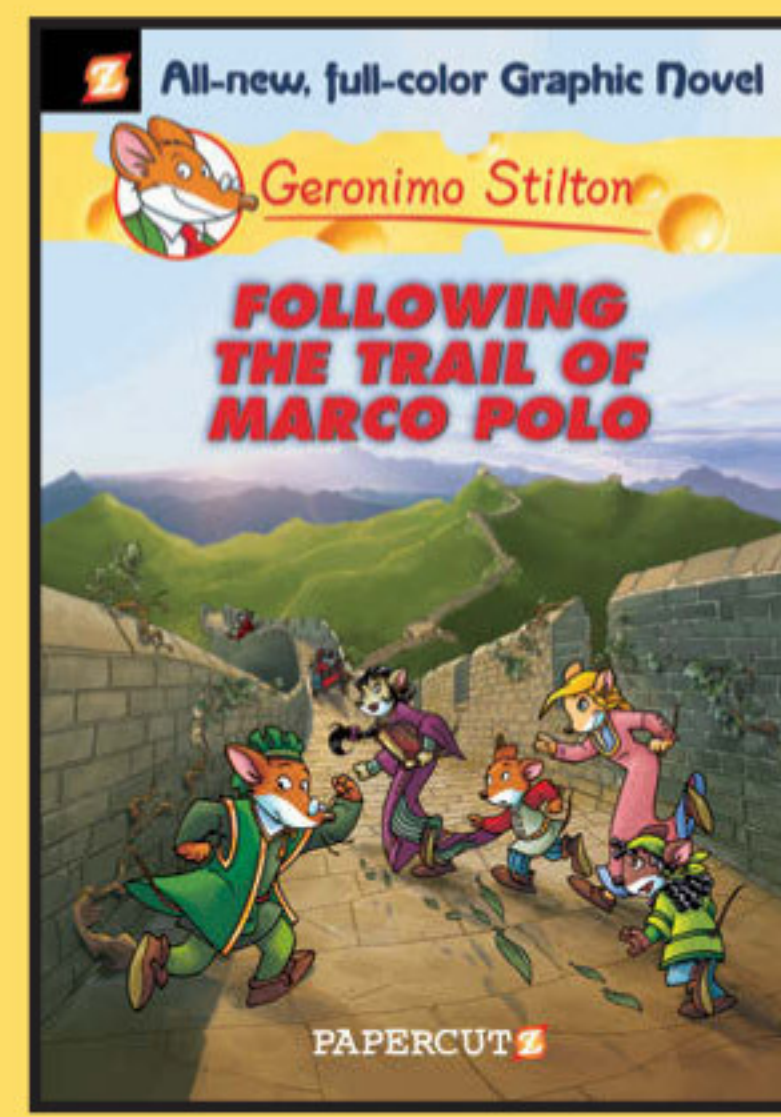
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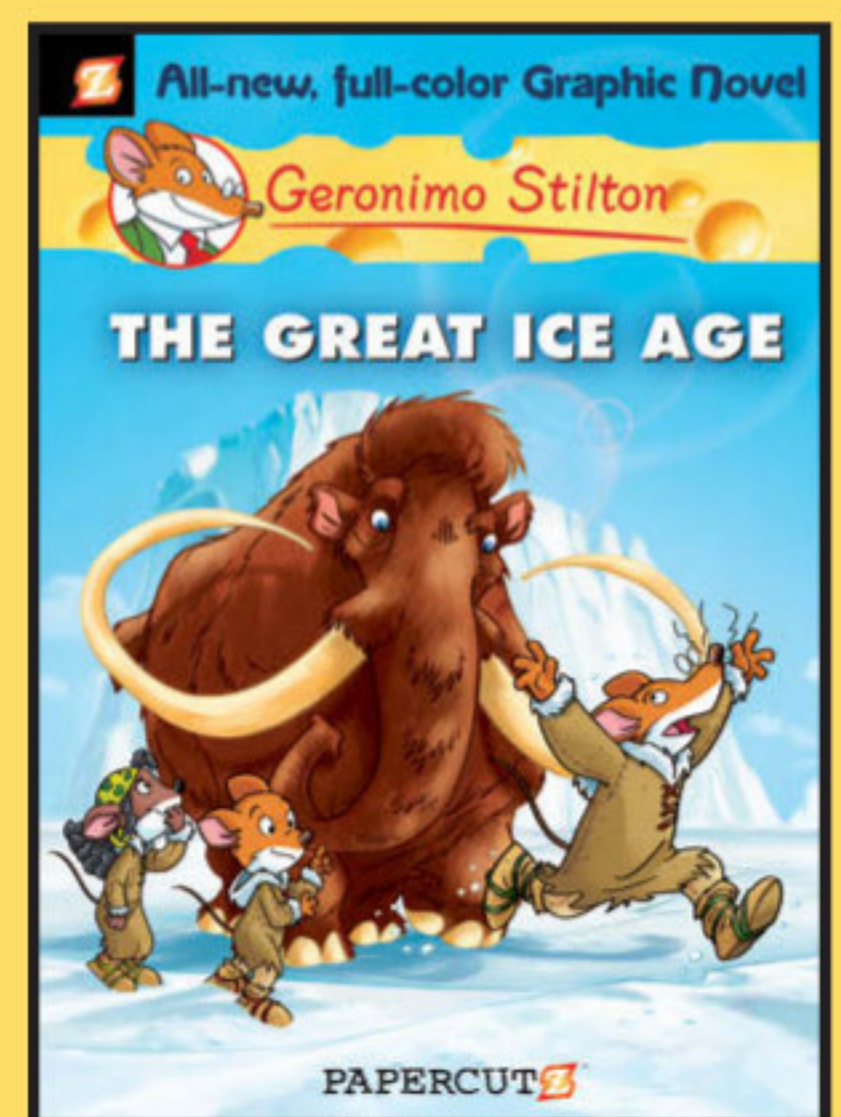
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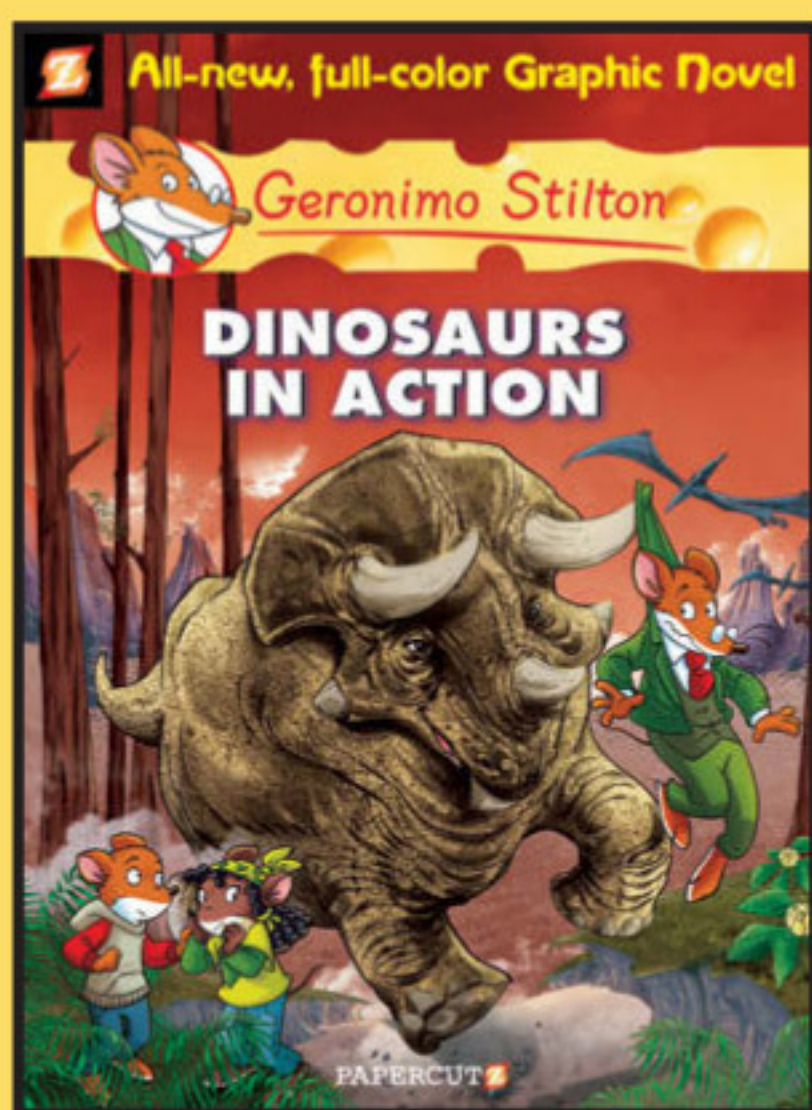
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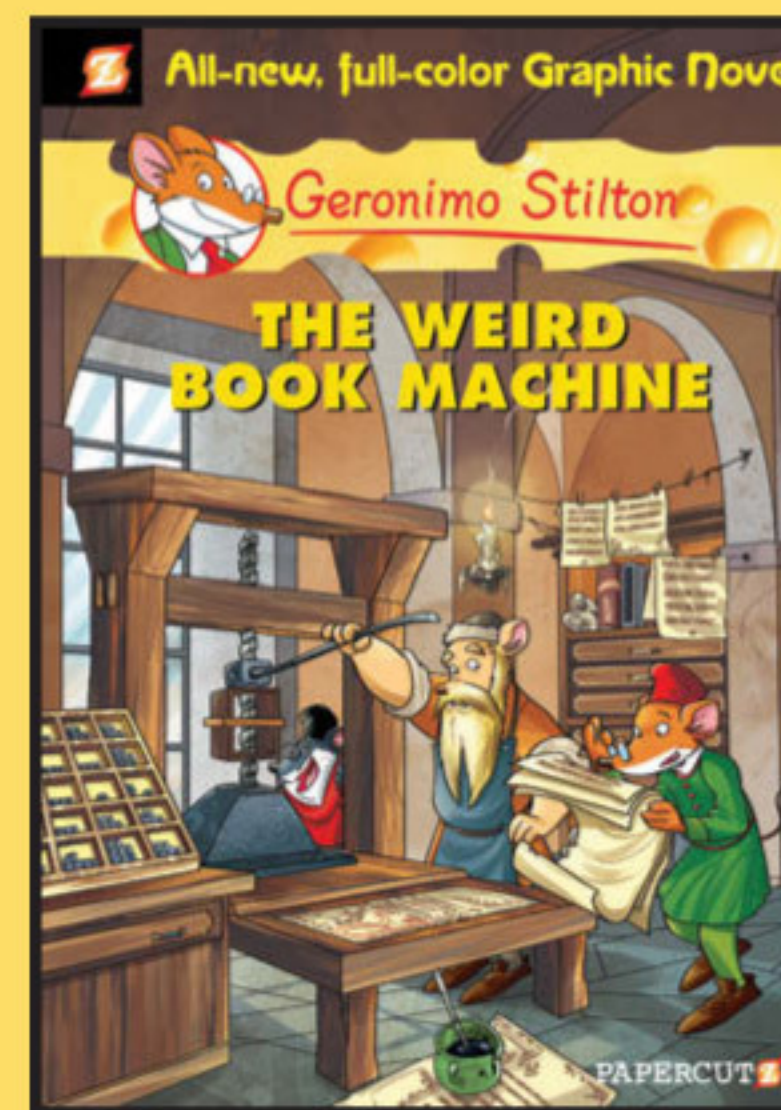
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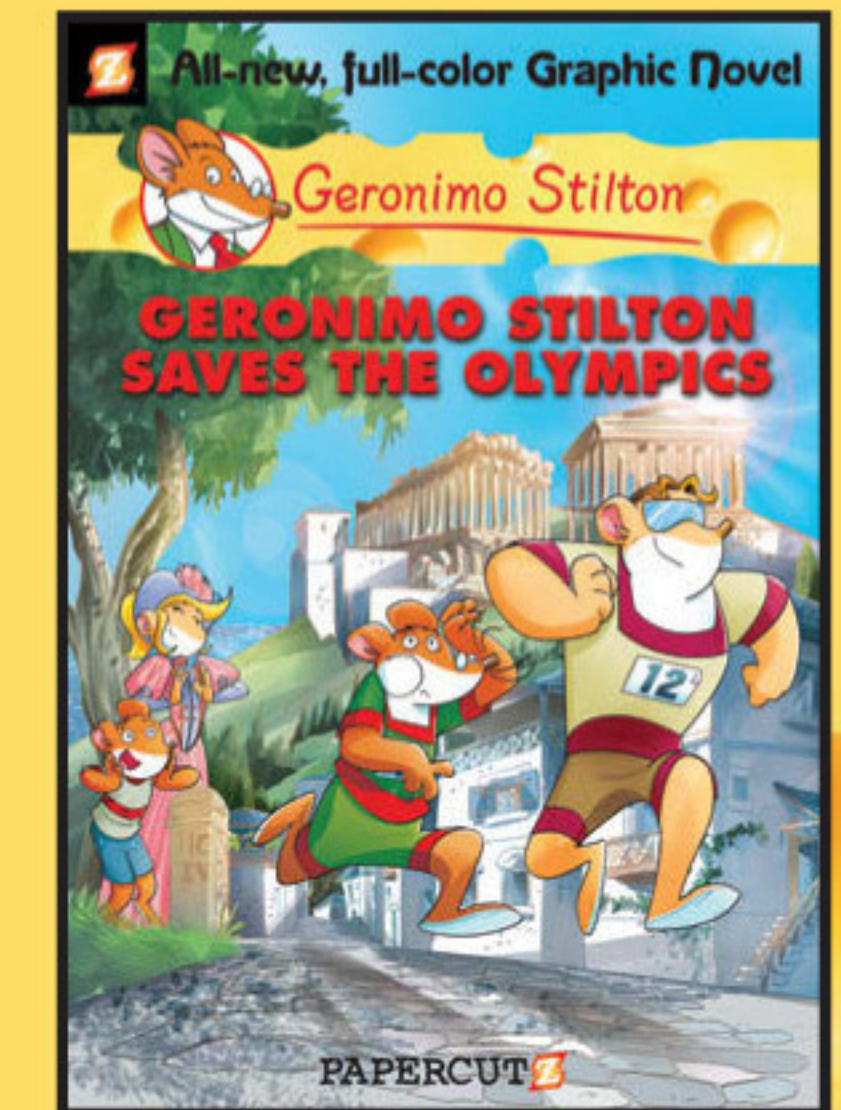
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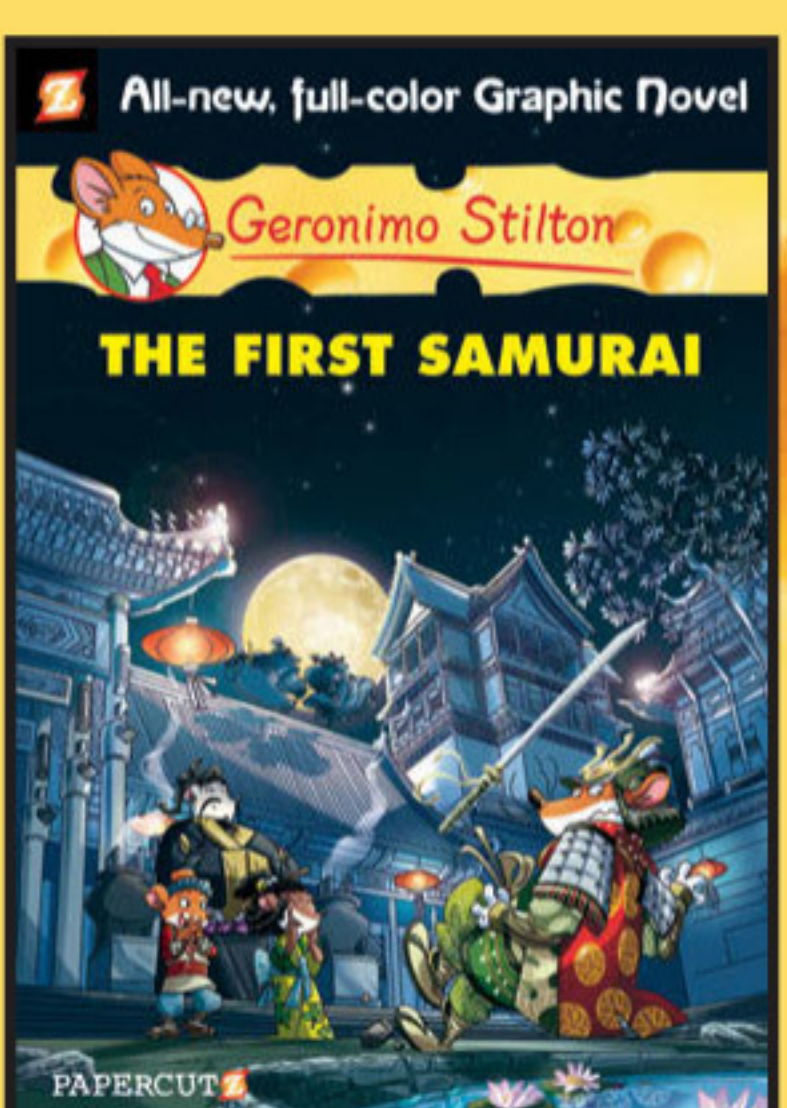
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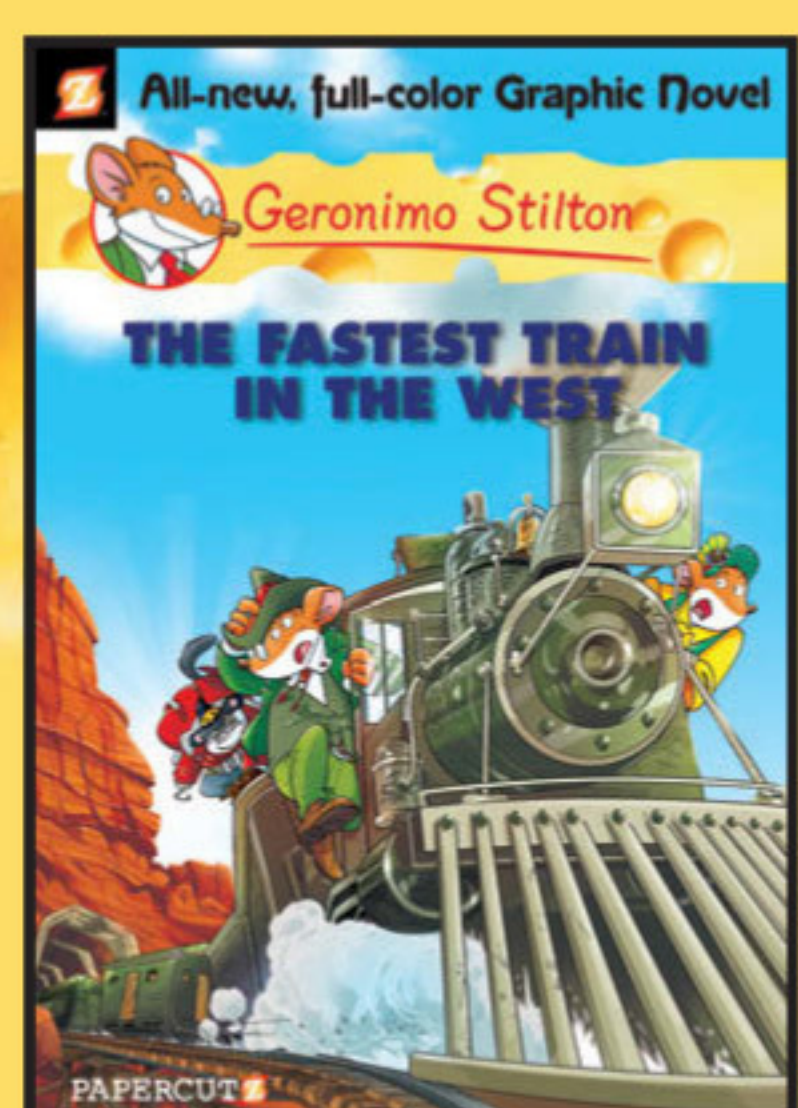
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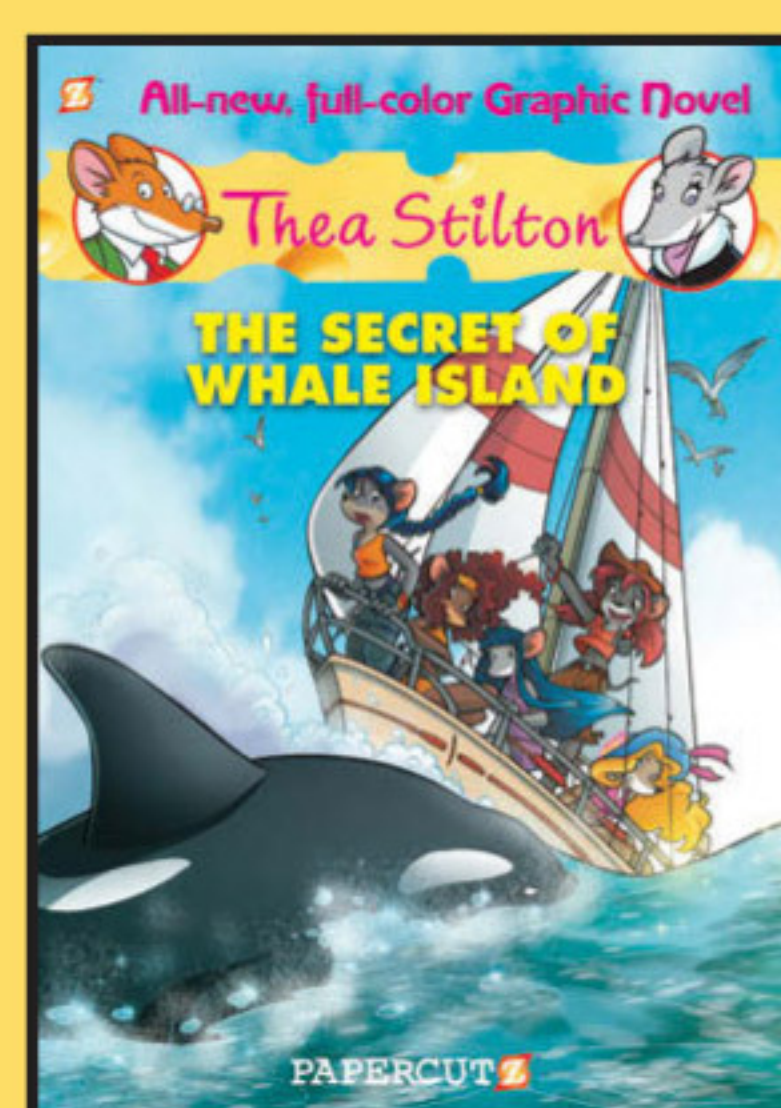
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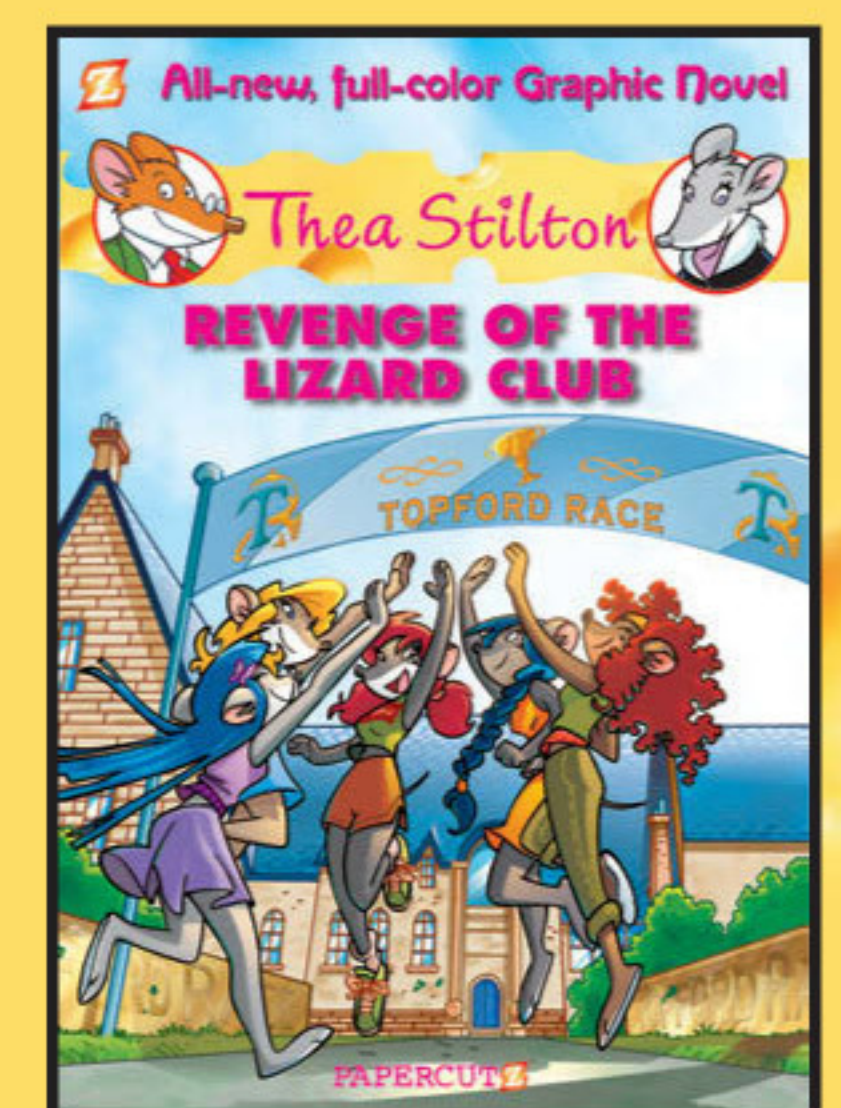
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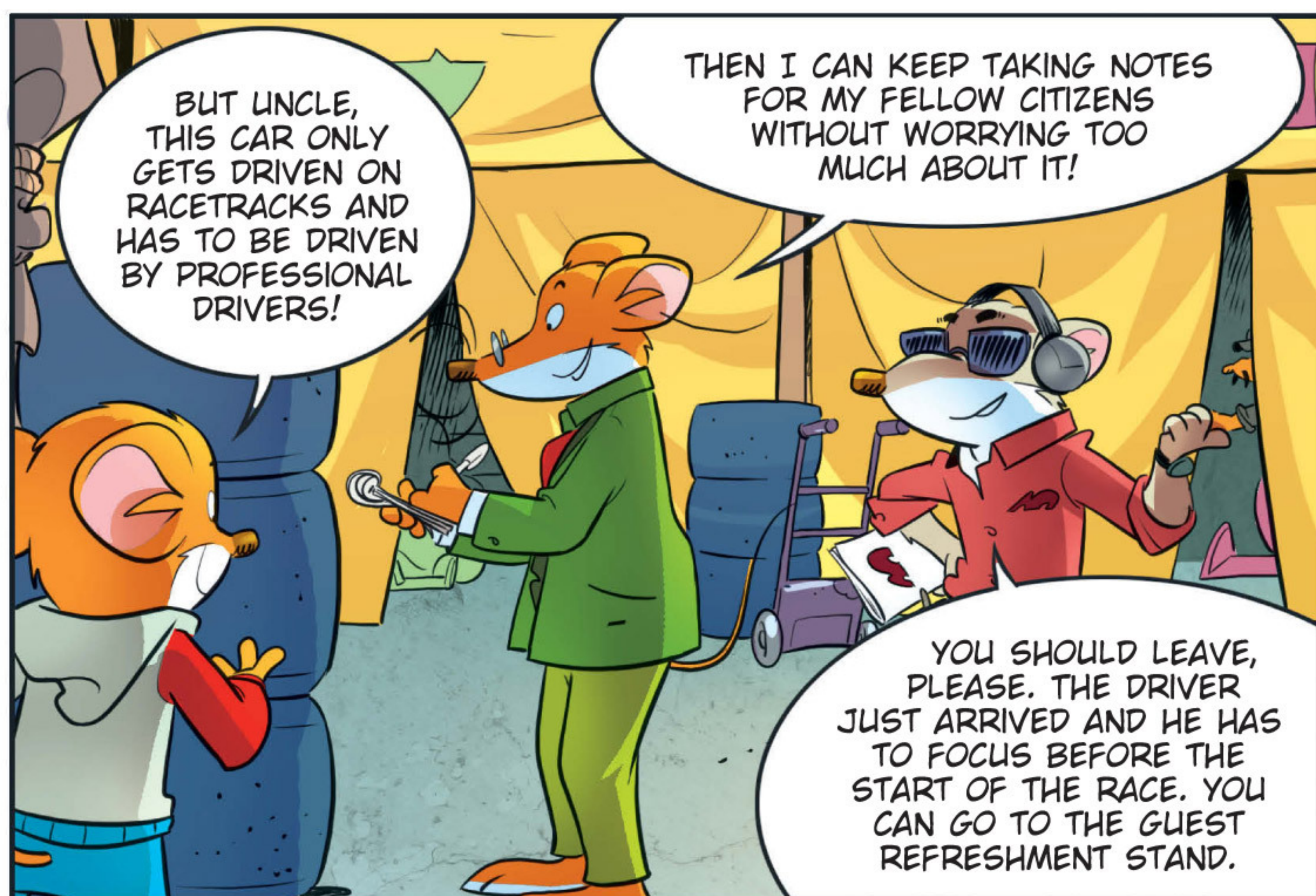
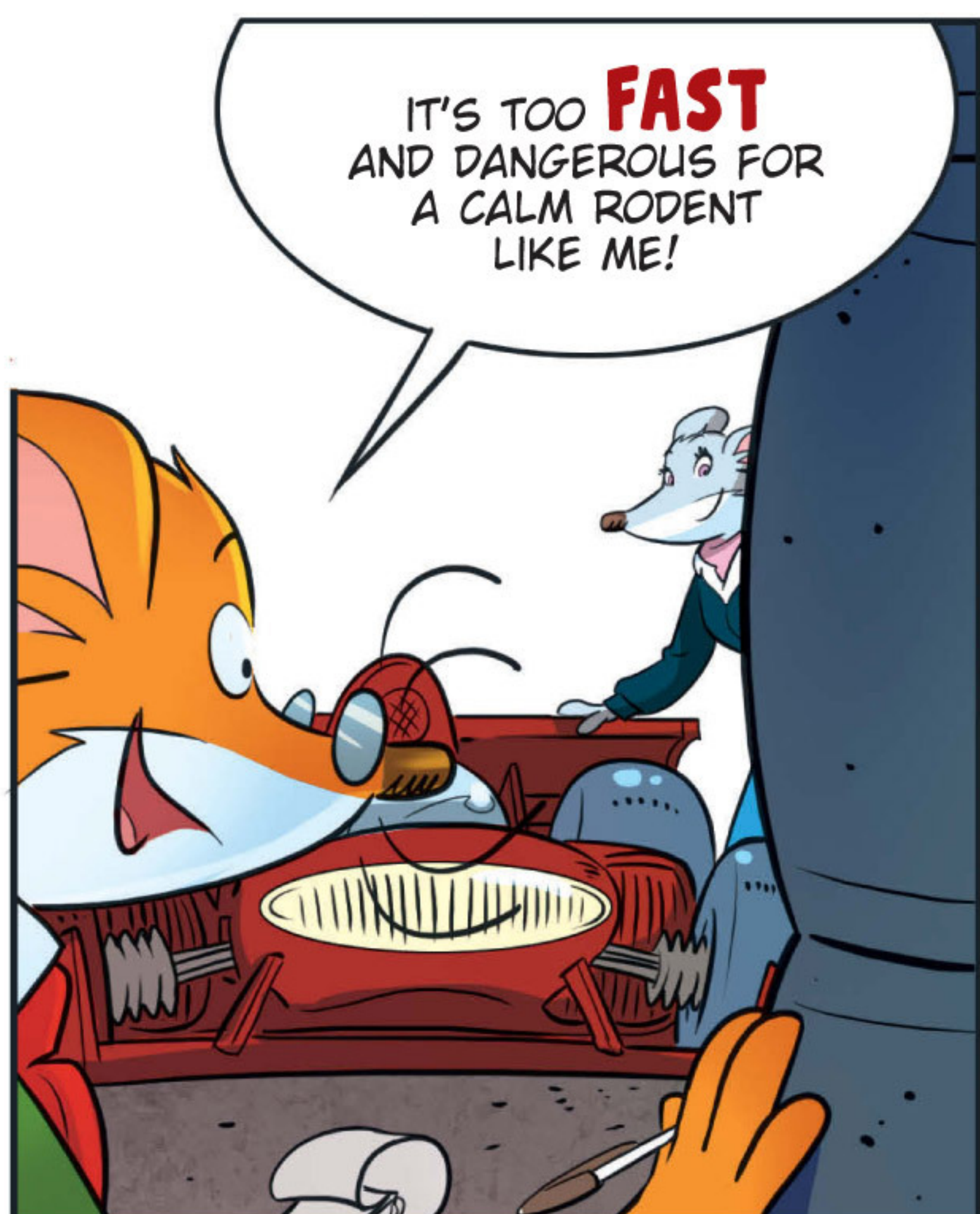
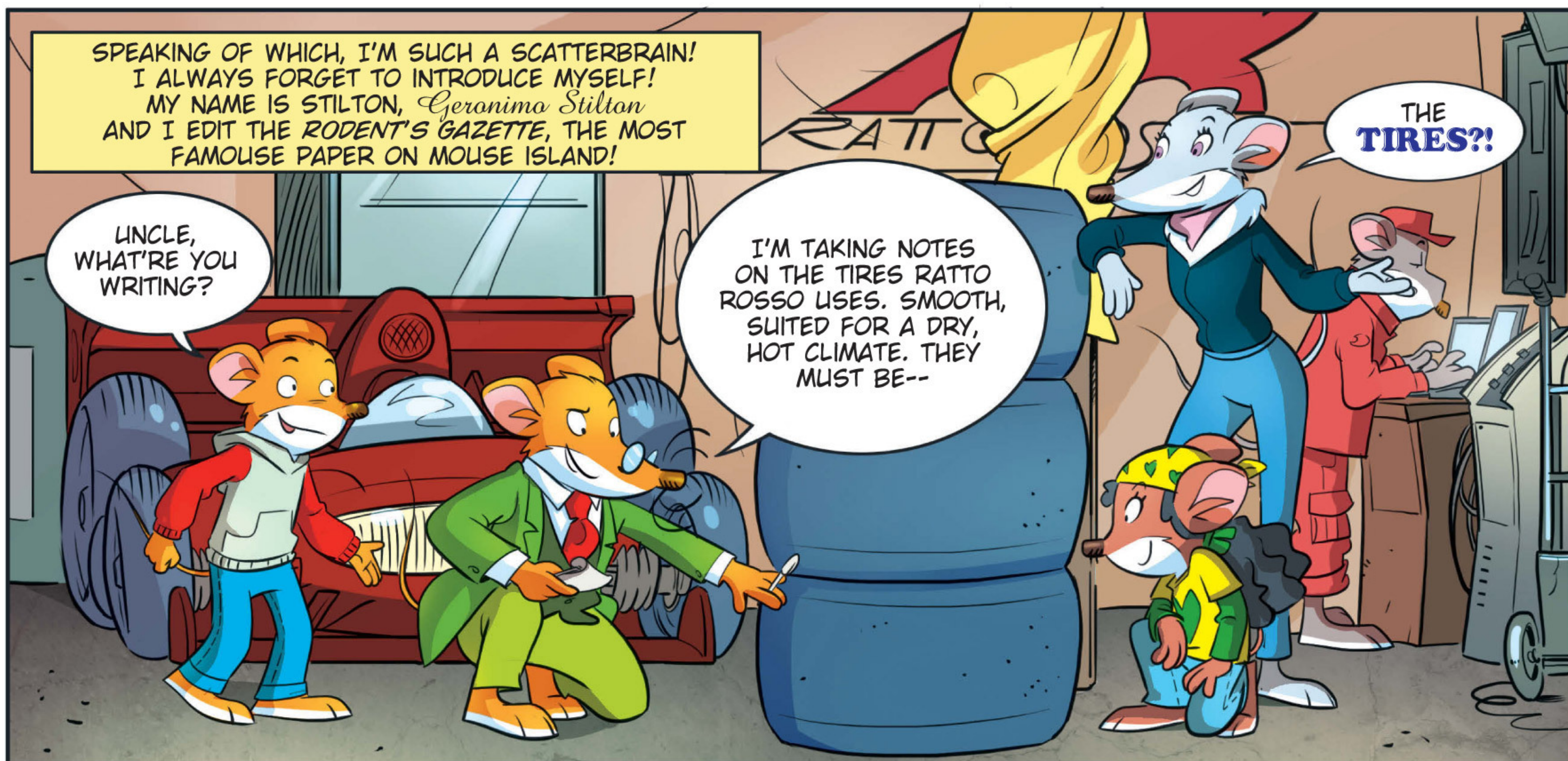
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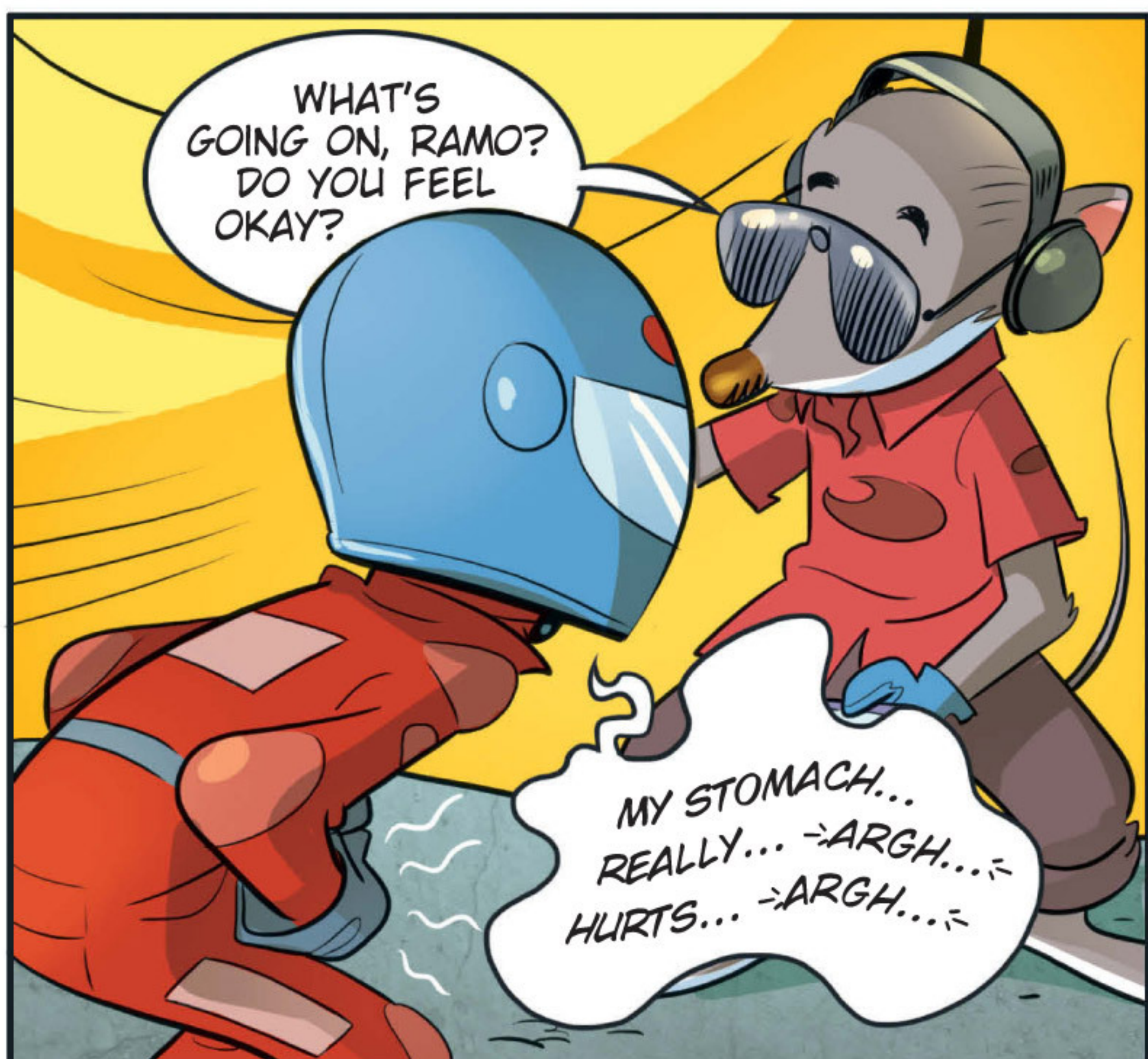
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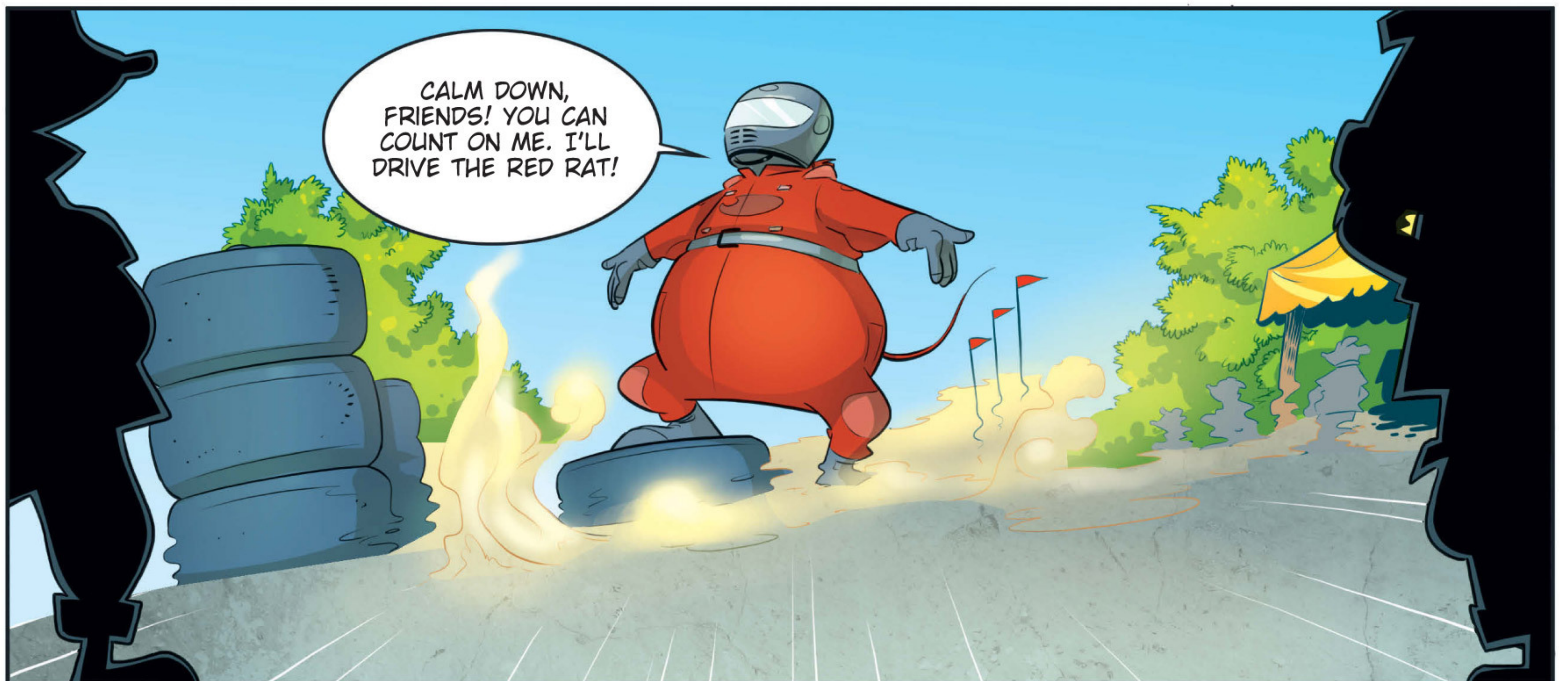
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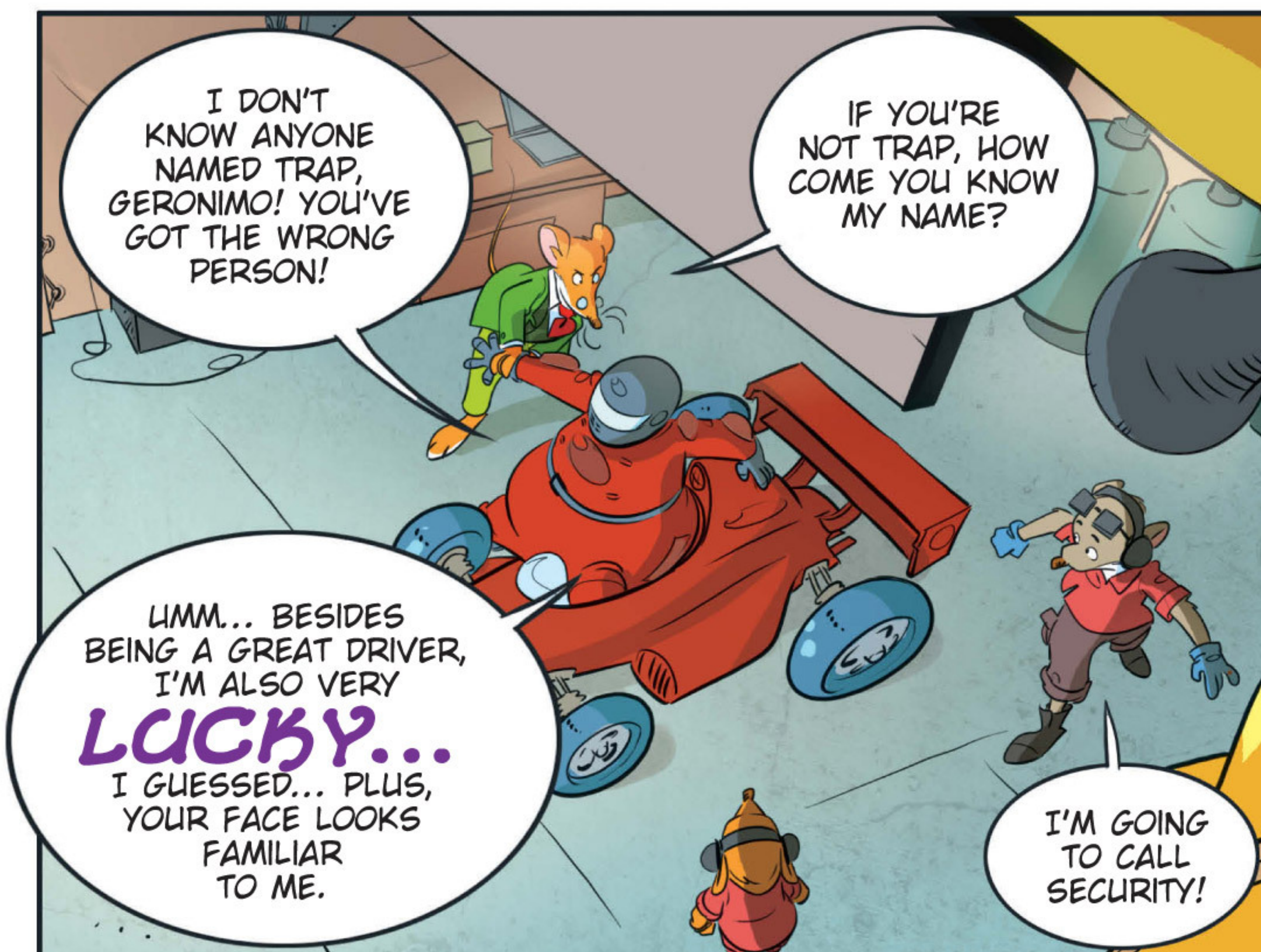
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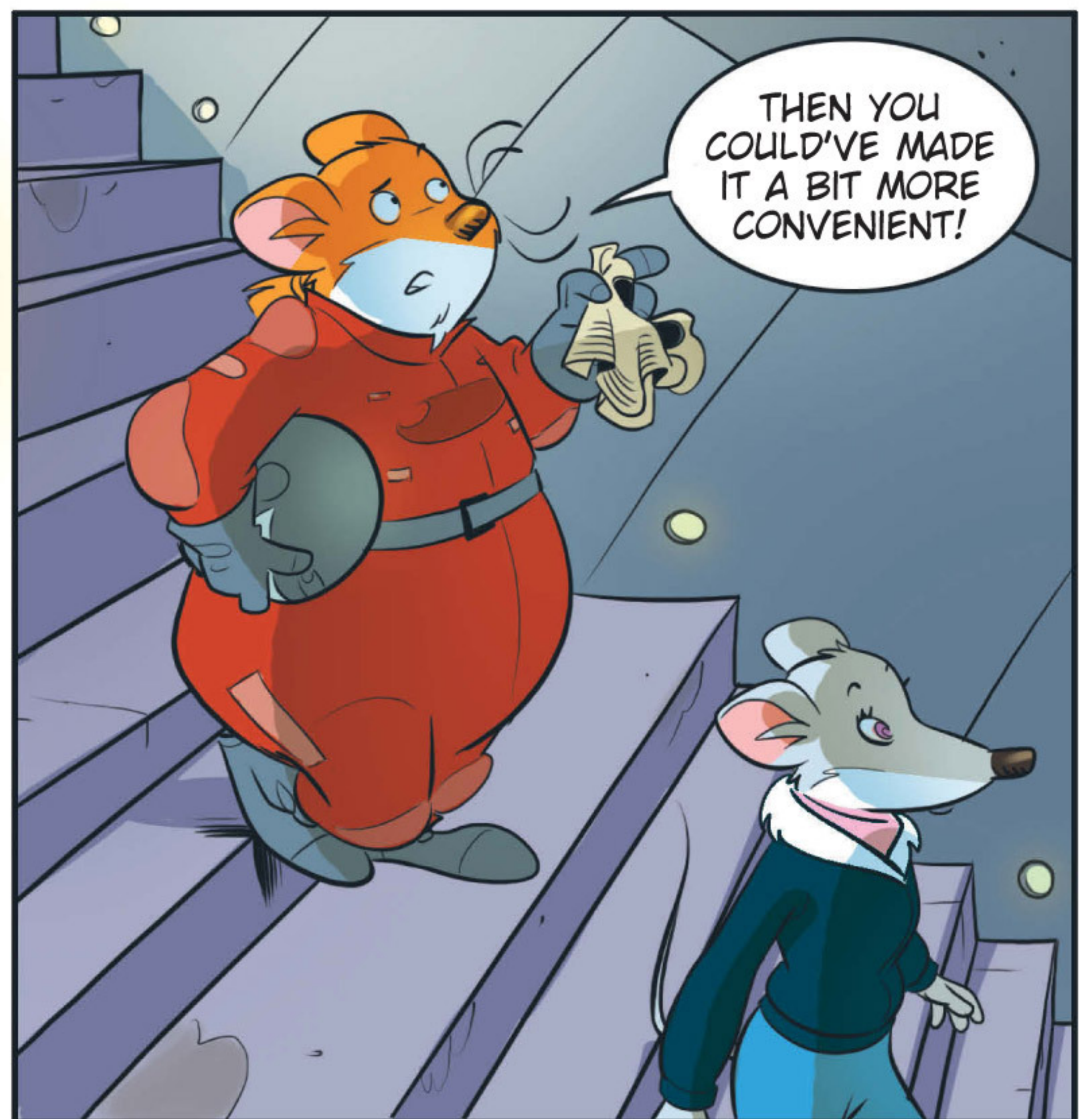
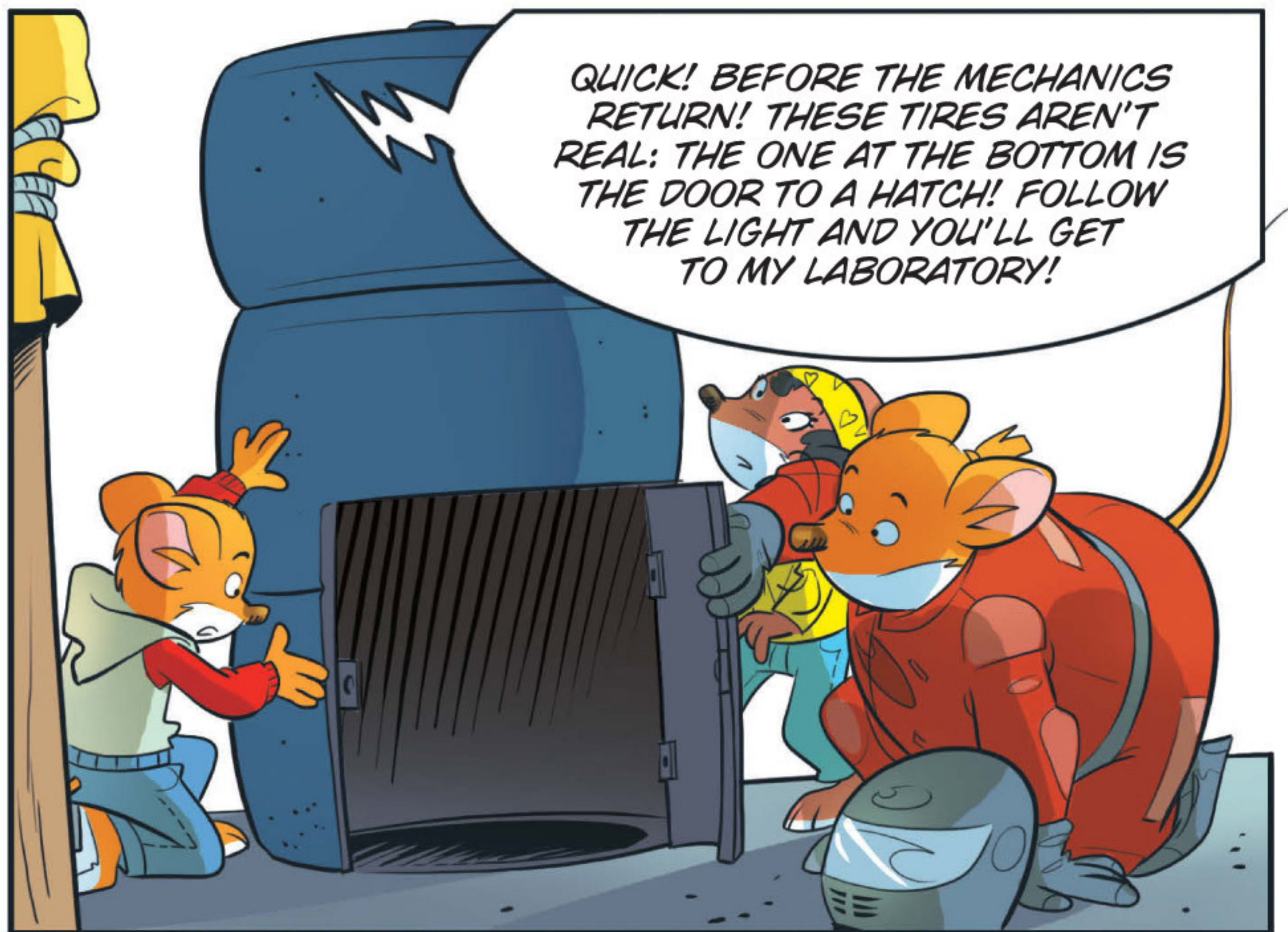
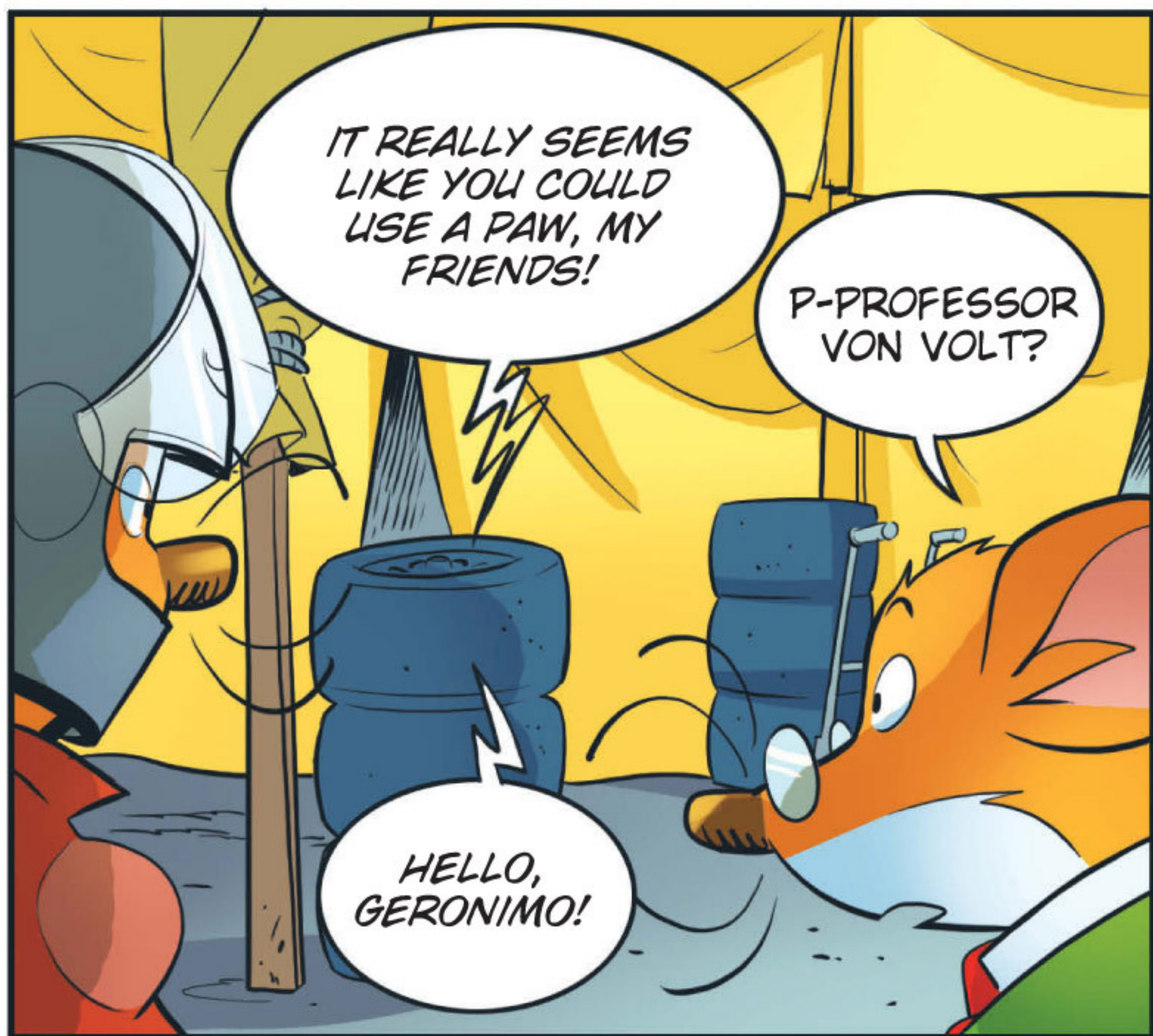


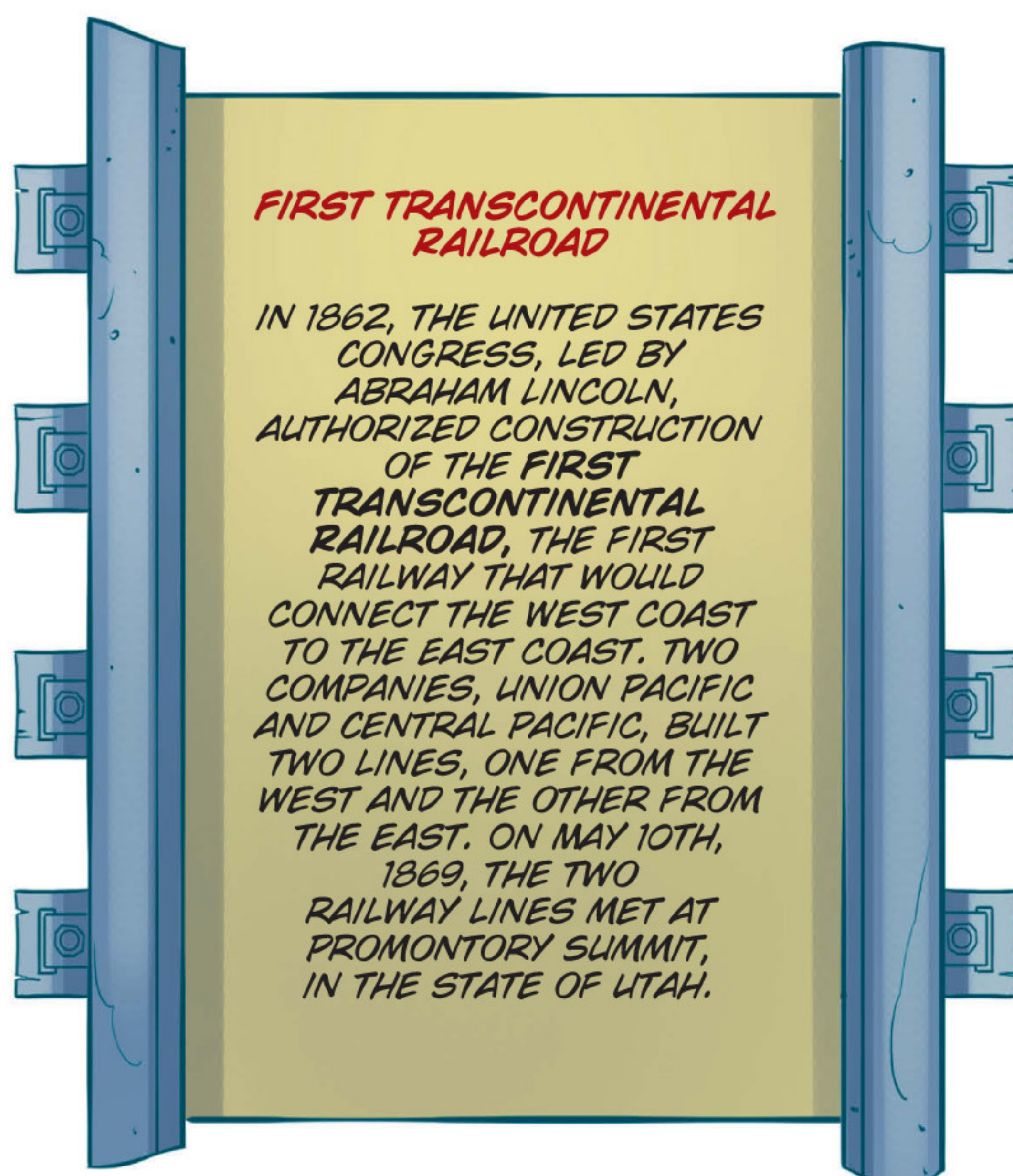
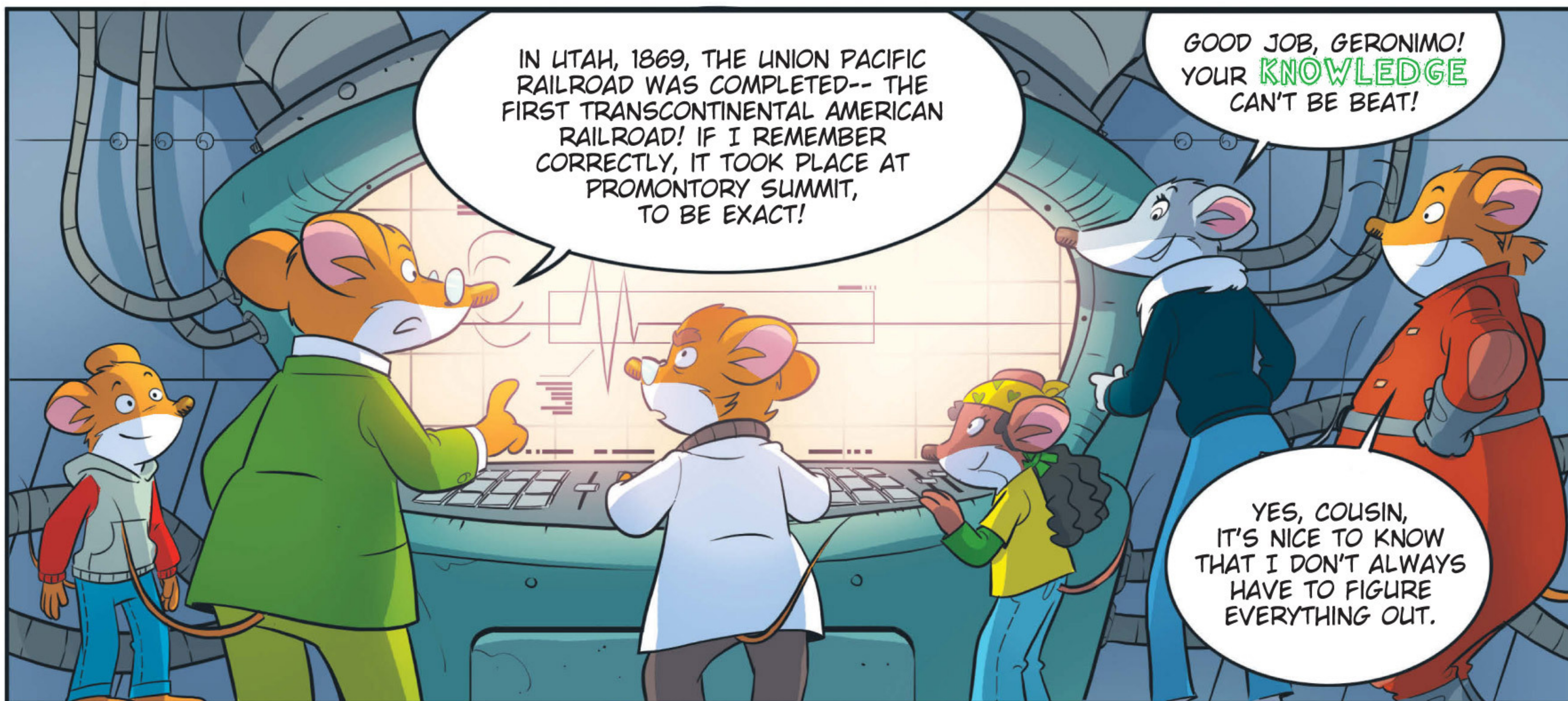
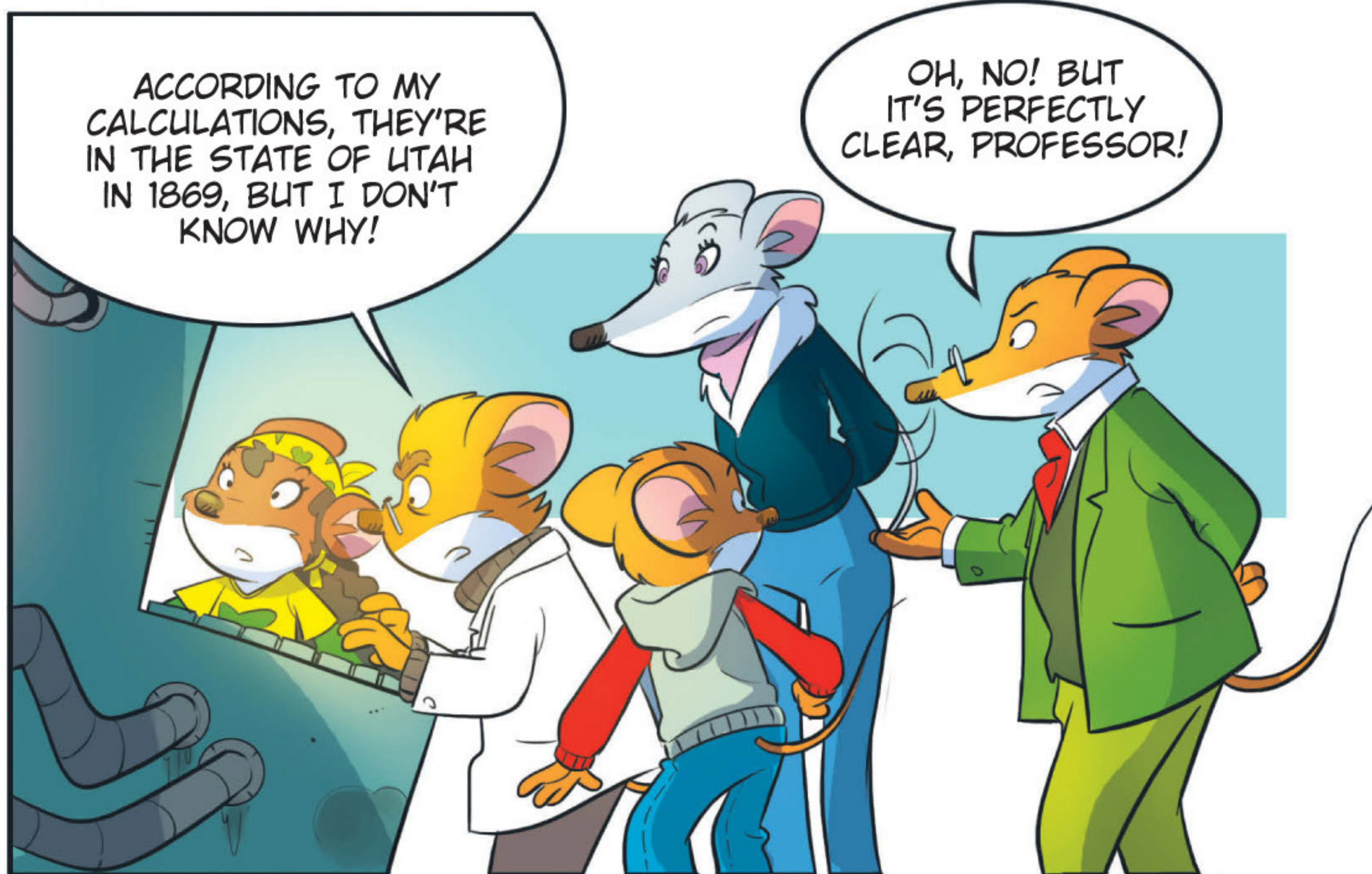


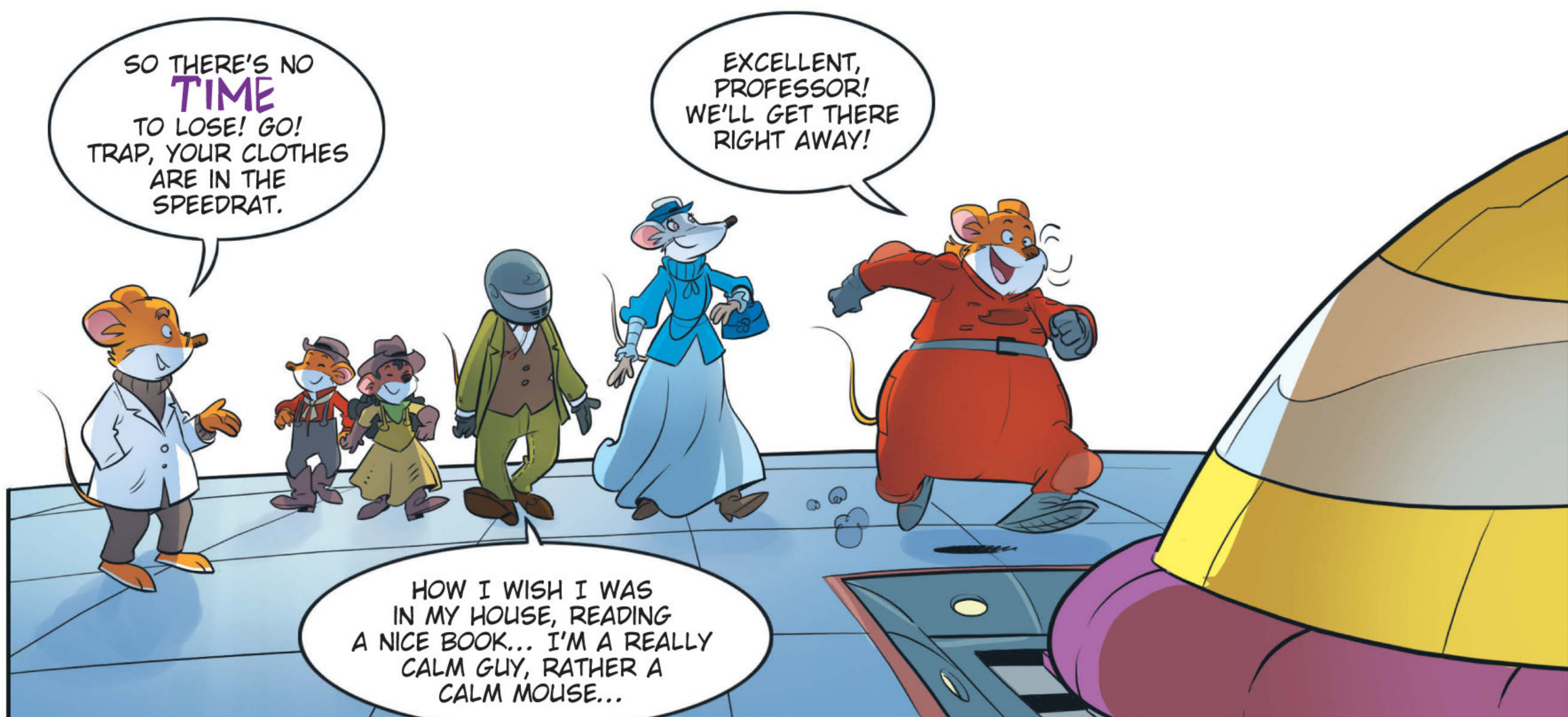
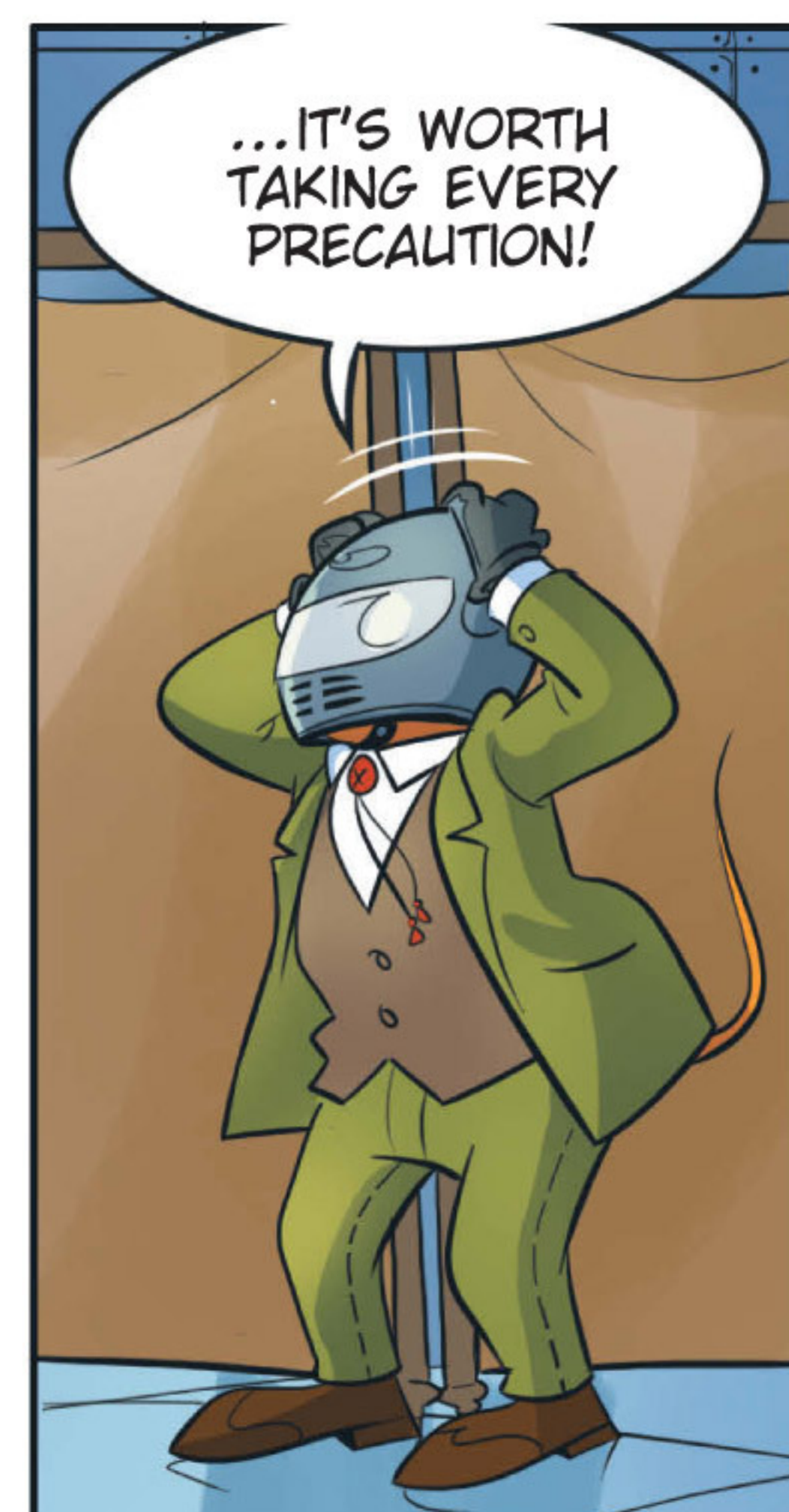
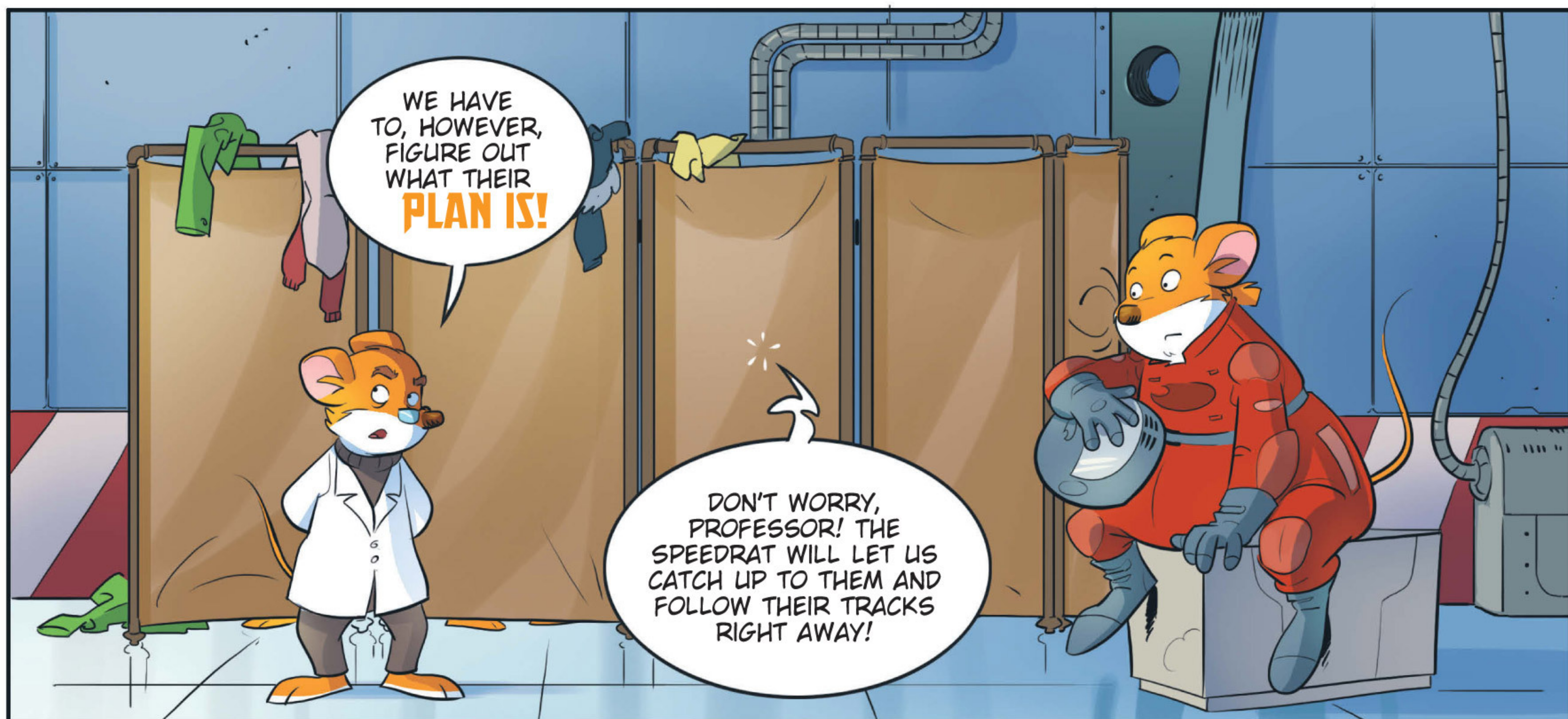












MEANWHILE, THE PIRATE CATS HAD ALREADY JOINED THE LABORERS BUILDING THE RAILROAD ON THE LINE COMING FROM THE EAST.

I HOPE IT DOESN'T **RAIN** TOMORROW! THE WORK ON THE TUNNEL IS VERY COMPLICATED!

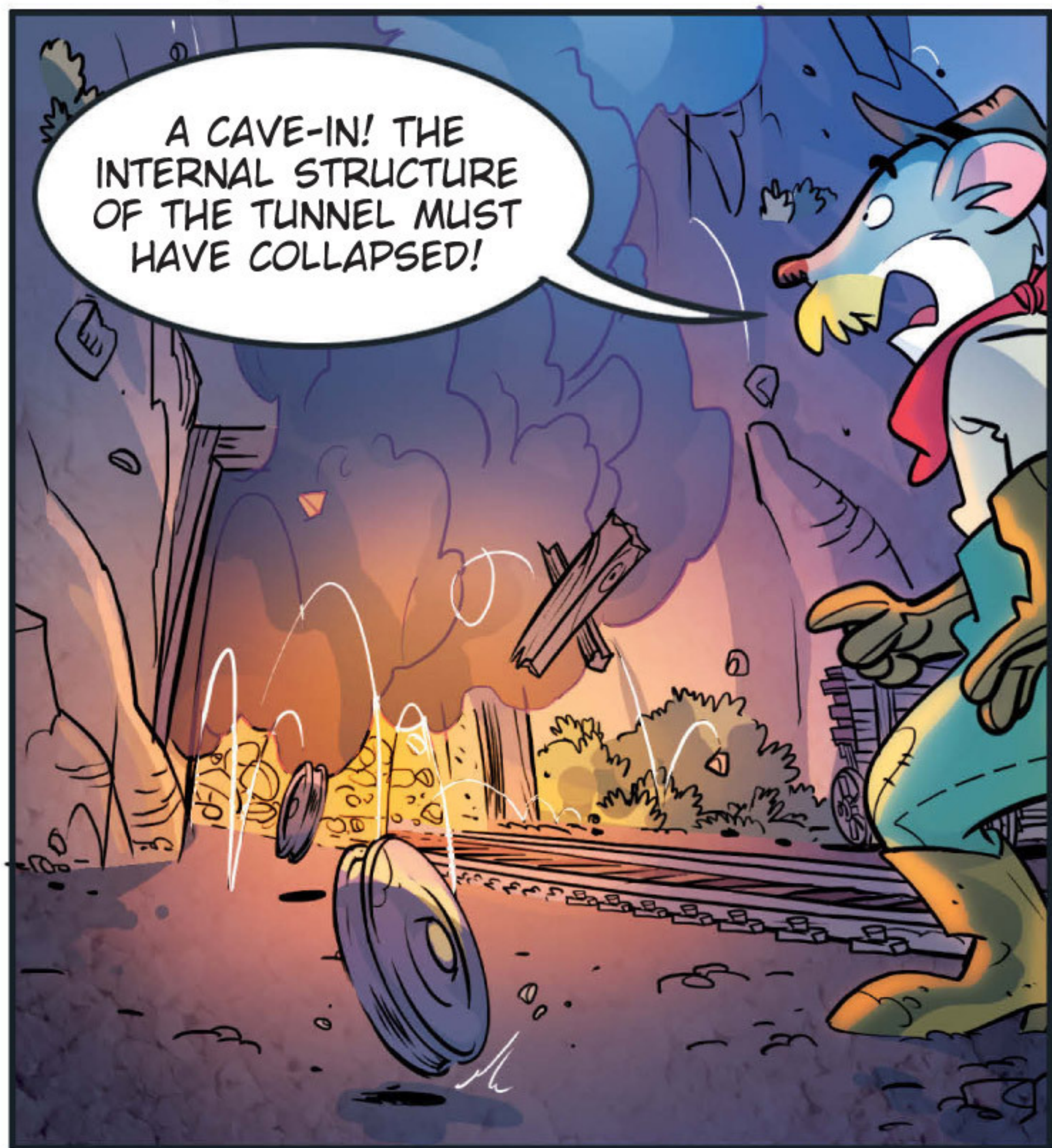
→AHM!←

WHAT DO YOU SAY, FRIEND? WANT A BITE OF CHEESE BEFORE GOING TO BED?

UM, NO... I'M SO TIRED I'D RATHER GO TO BED RIGHT AWAY WITHOUT EATING...

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!



A CAVE-IN! THE
INTERNAL STRUCTURE
OF THE TUNNEL MUST
HAVE COLLAPSED!



NO ONE'S
MISSING HERE!
THAT MEANS
EVERYONE'S LEFT
THE TUNNEL, THANK
GOODNESS!

YES, BUT
WORK WILL BE
INTERRUPTED...
AGAIN!



YOU WERE
THE LAST TO LEAVE
THE TUNNEL. LUCKY
NOTHING HAPPENED
TO YOU!

UH, YES,
I'M A VERY
LUCKY CA--
ER, RAT!



NOW, IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME, I'M GOING
TO GO RECOVER FROM MY
SCARE!

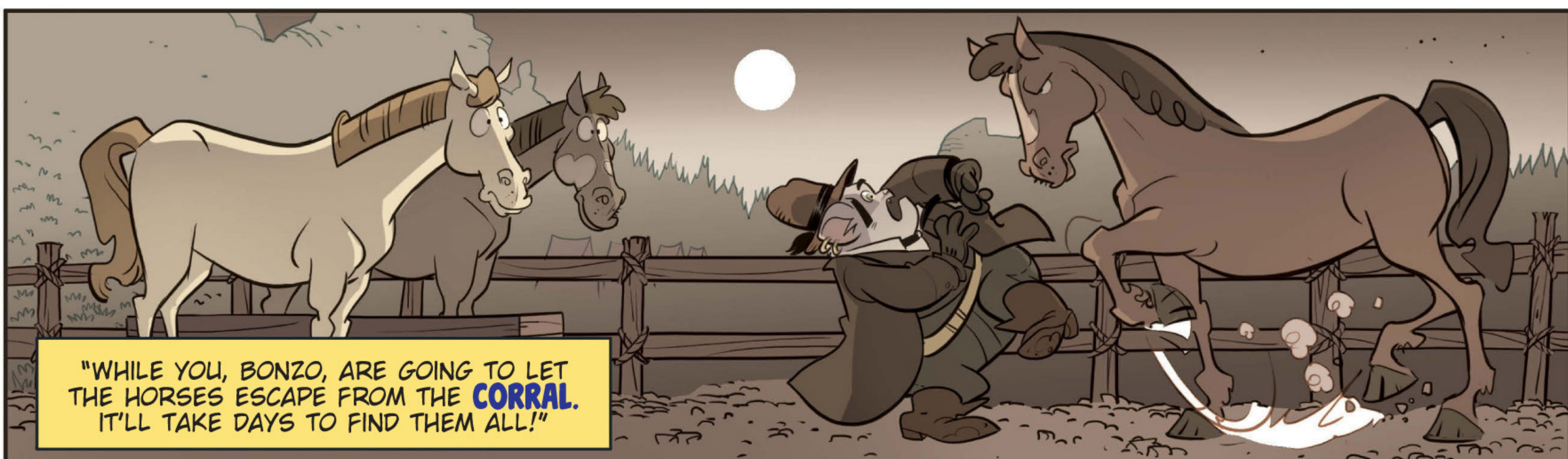
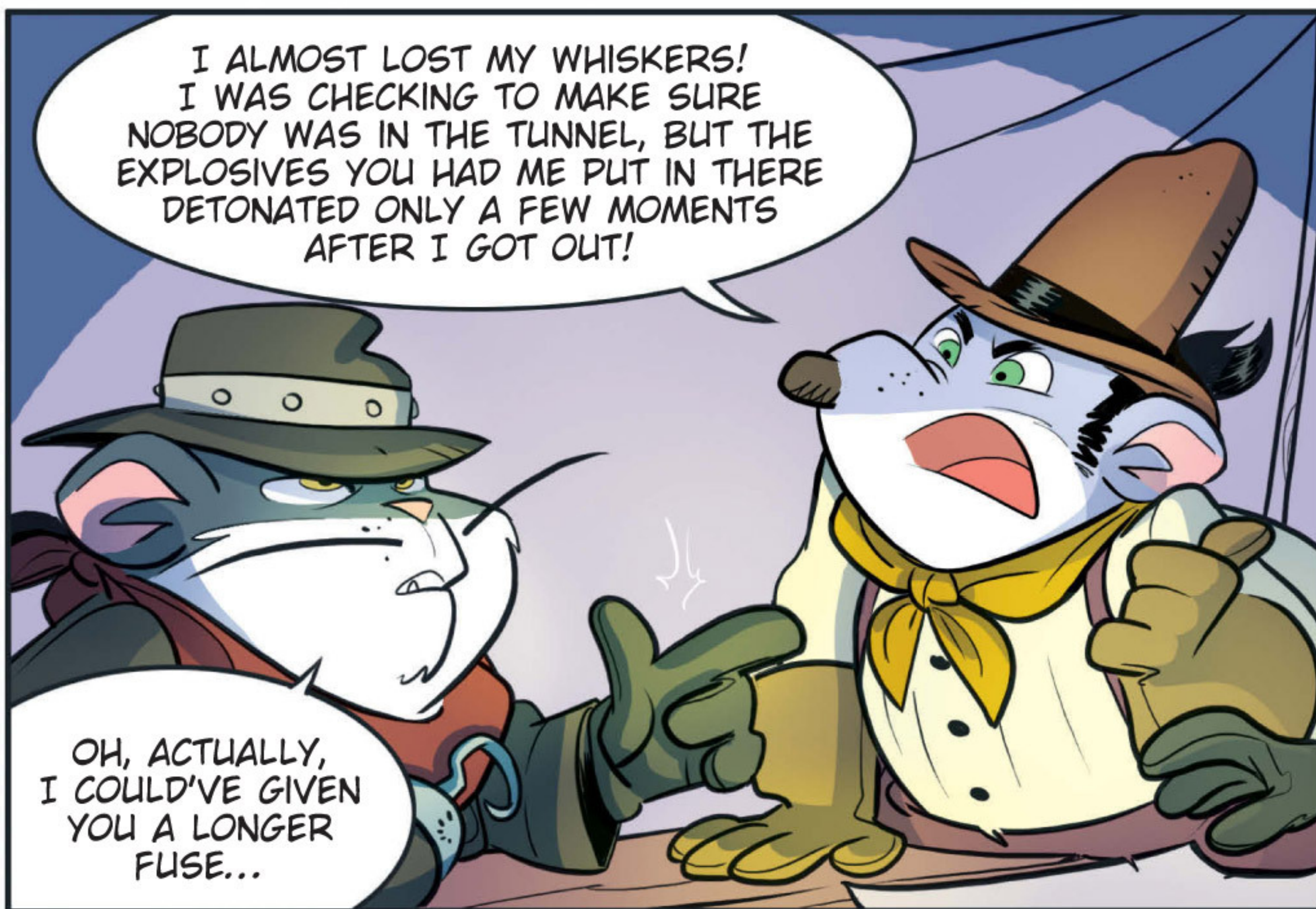
BUT OF
COURSE,
TRY TO
REST!

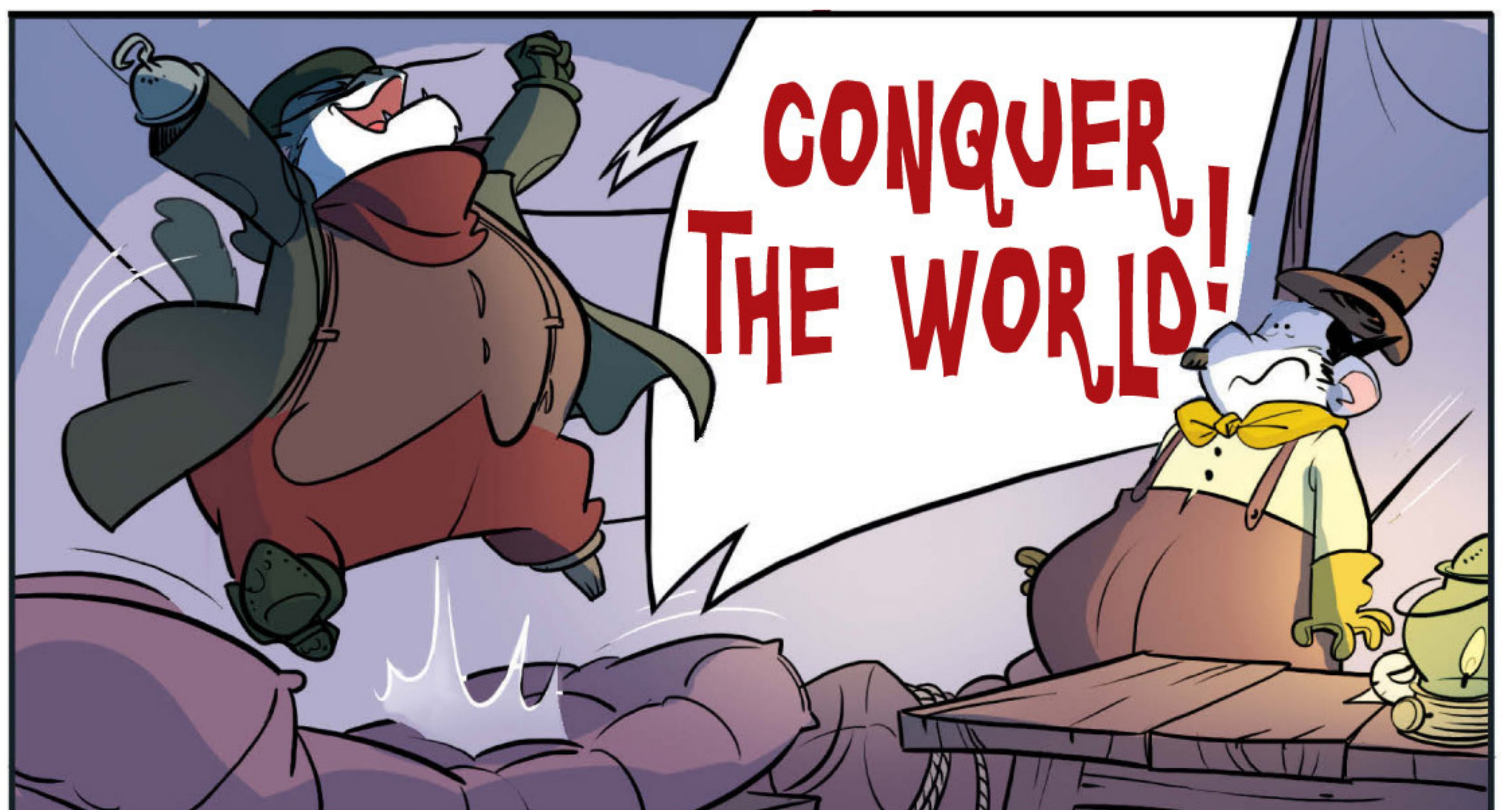
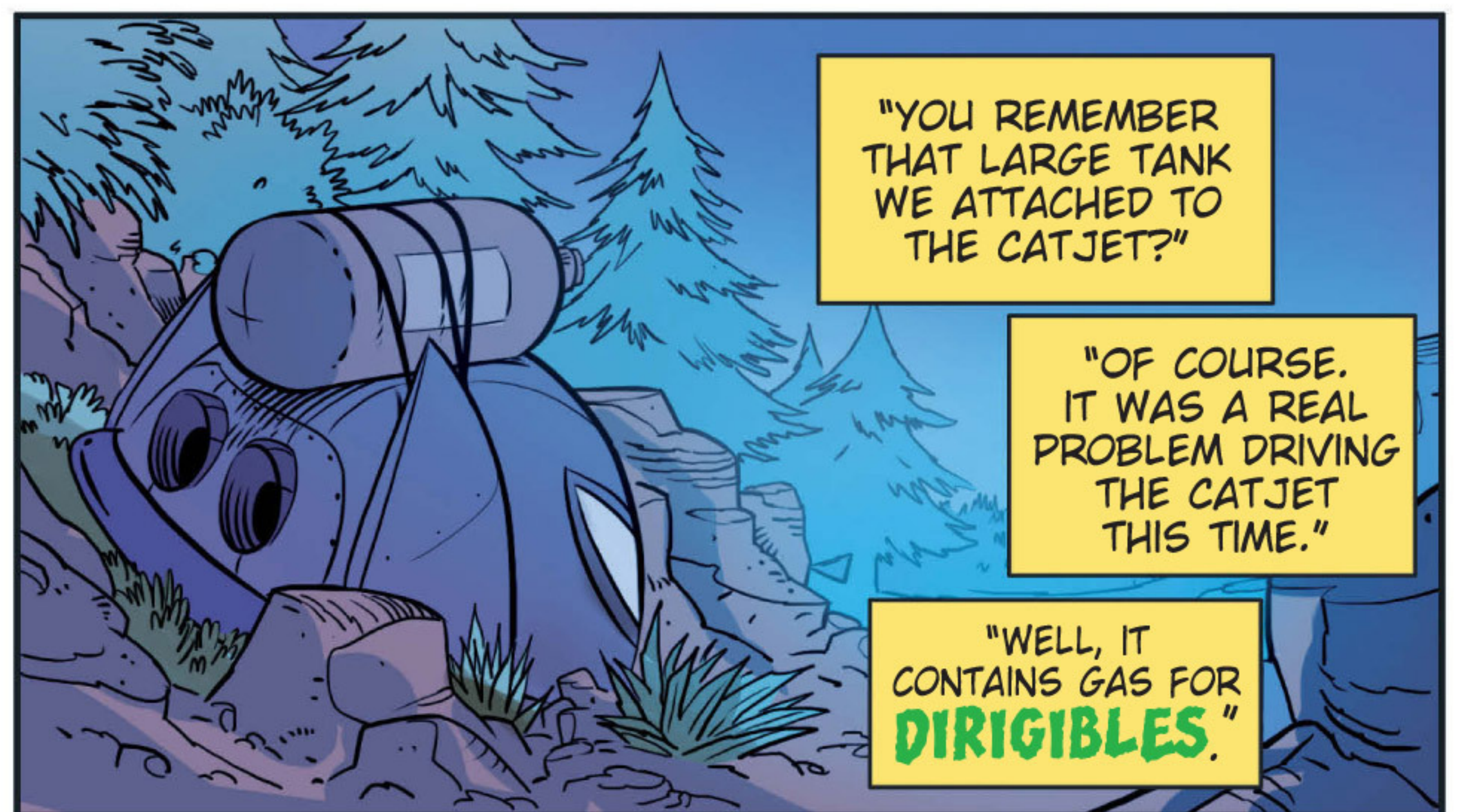
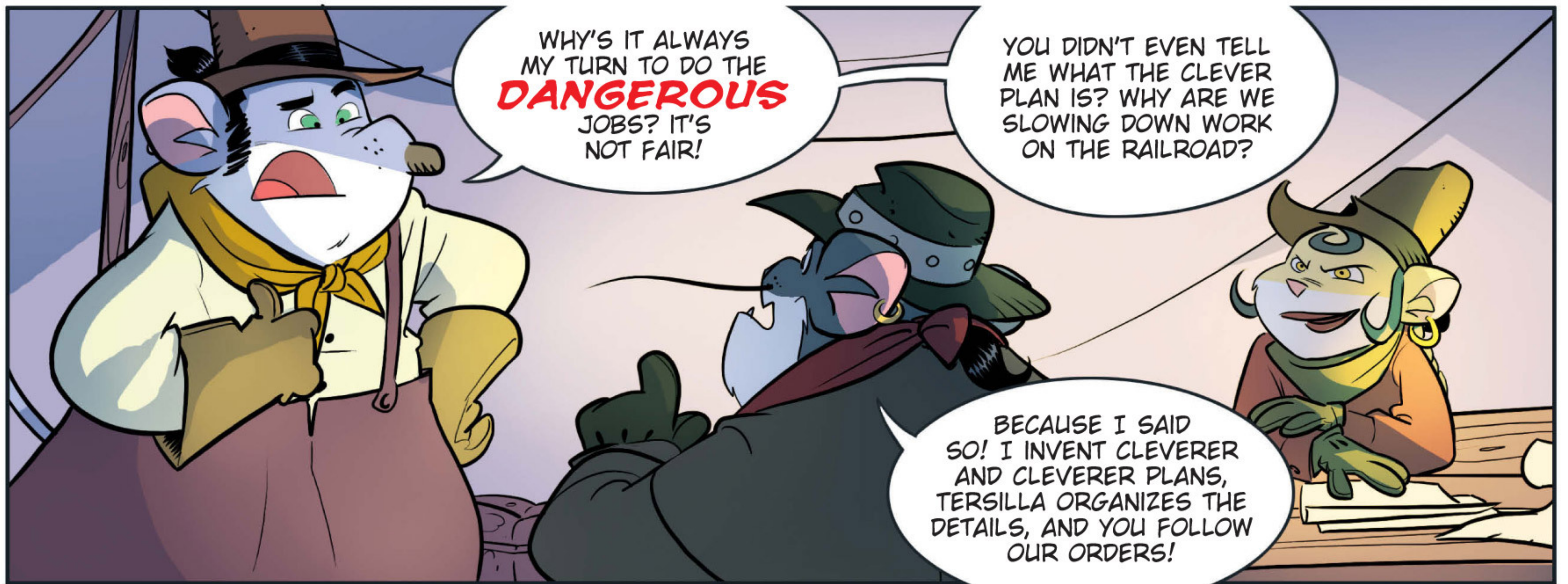


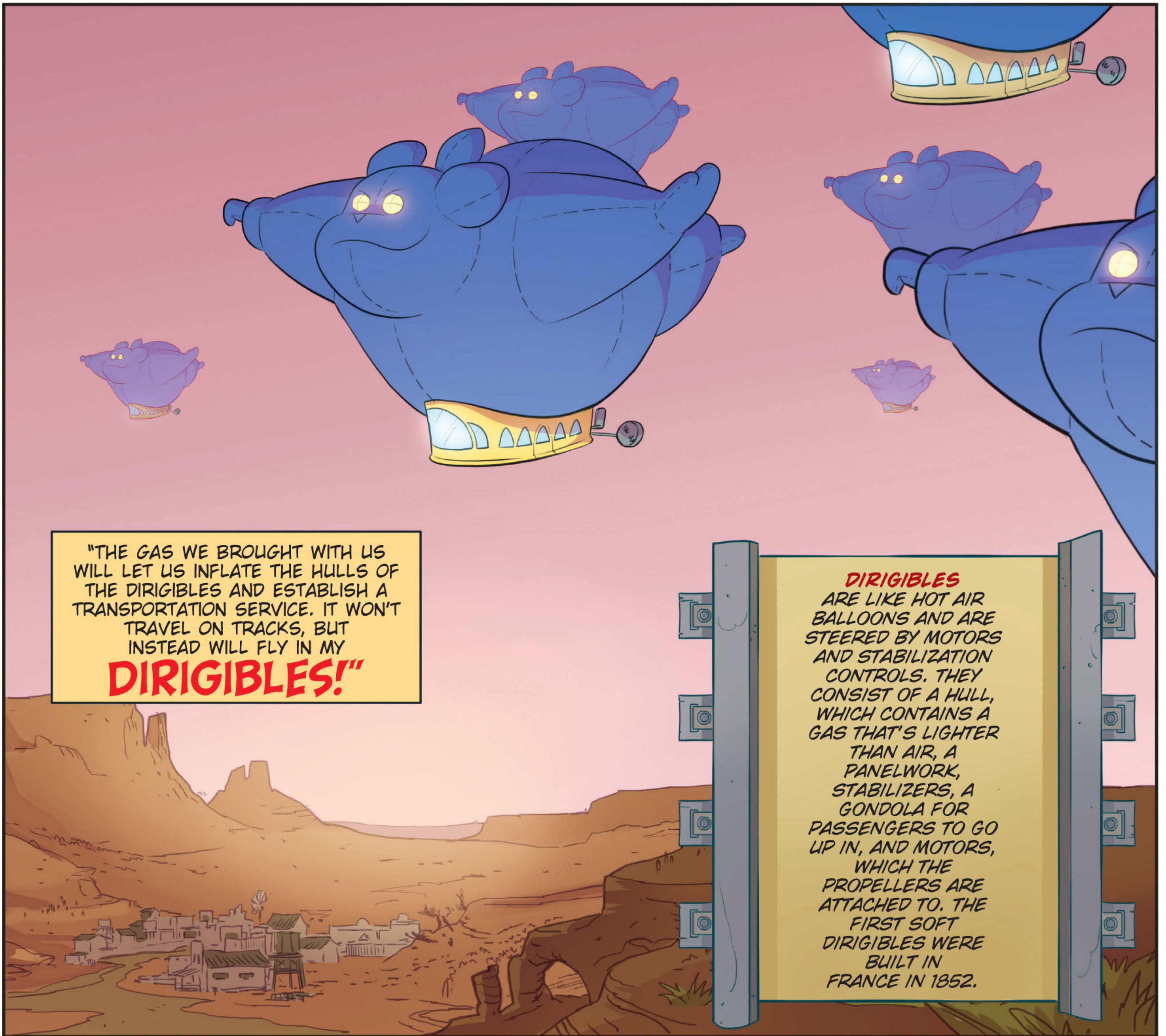
I FELT THE
EARTH SHAKE!
I GUESS THE
EXPLOSION
WORKED!

EVERYTHING'S
GOING
PERFECTLY.

YES,
BUT...



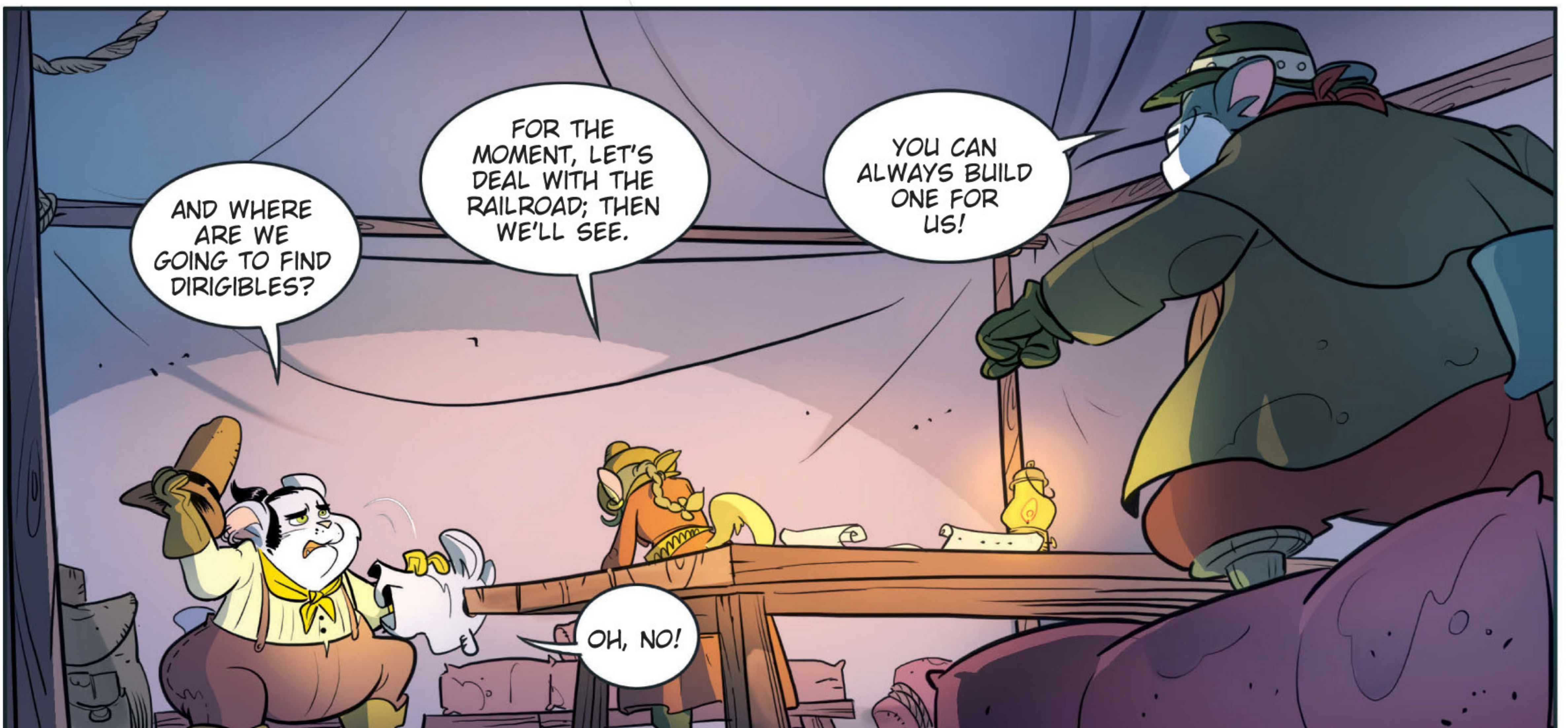




"THE GAS WE BROUGHT WITH US
WILL LET US INFLATE THE HULLS OF
THE DIRIGIBLES AND ESTABLISH A
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE. IT WON'T
TRAVEL ON TRACKS, BUT
INSTEAD WILL FLY IN MY

DIRIGIBLES!"

DIRIGIBLES
ARE LIKE HOT AIR
BALLOONS AND ARE
STEERED BY MOTORS
AND STABILIZATION
CONTROLS. THEY
CONSIST OF A HULL,
WHICH CONTAINS A
GAS THAT'S LIGHTER
THAN AIR, A
PANELWORK,
STABILIZERS, A
GONDOLA FOR
PASSENGERS TO GO
UP IN, AND MOTORS,
WHICH THE
PROPELLERS ARE
ATTACHED TO. THE
FIRST SOFT
DIRIGIBLES WERE
BUILT IN
FRANCE IN 1852.



AND WHERE
ARE WE
GOING TO FIND
DIRIGIBLES?

FOR THE
MOMENT, LET'S
DEAL WITH THE
RAILROAD; THEN
WE'LL SEE.

YOU CAN
ALWAYS BUILD
ONE FOR
US!

OH, NO!

IN THE MEANTIME, WE'D ARRIVED IN 1869,
BUT THE SITUATION WASN'T SO SIMPLE...

TRAP, TELL
ME WHY YOU
BROUGHT US TO
THE MIDDLE OF THE
DESERT?

I PUT IN
THE COORDINATES
THAT PROF. VON
VOLT GAVE ME,
COUSIN. IT'S NOT
MY FAULT!

OF
COURSE
NOT.

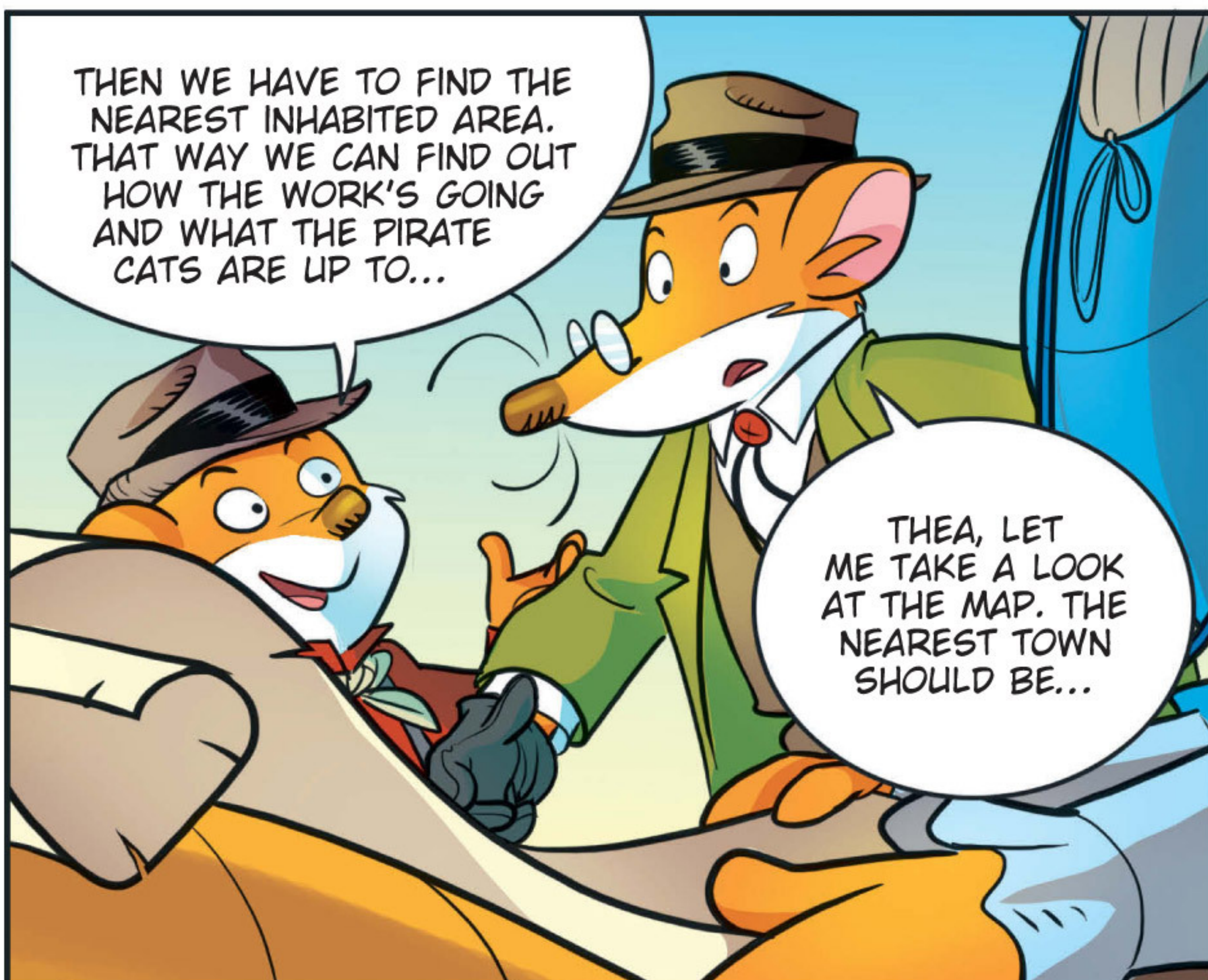


AS GERONIMO TOLD
YOU BEFORE, THE TWO
RAILWAY LINES MET AT
PROMONTORY SUMMIT,
BUT IT WASN'T AN
INHABITED AREA!



THEN WE HAVE TO FIND THE
NEAREST INHABITED AREA.
THAT WAY WE CAN FIND OUT
HOW THE WORK'S GOING
AND WHAT THE PIRATE
CATS ARE UP TO...

THEA, LET
ME TAKE A LOOK
AT THE MAP. THE
NEAREST TOWN
SHOULD BE...



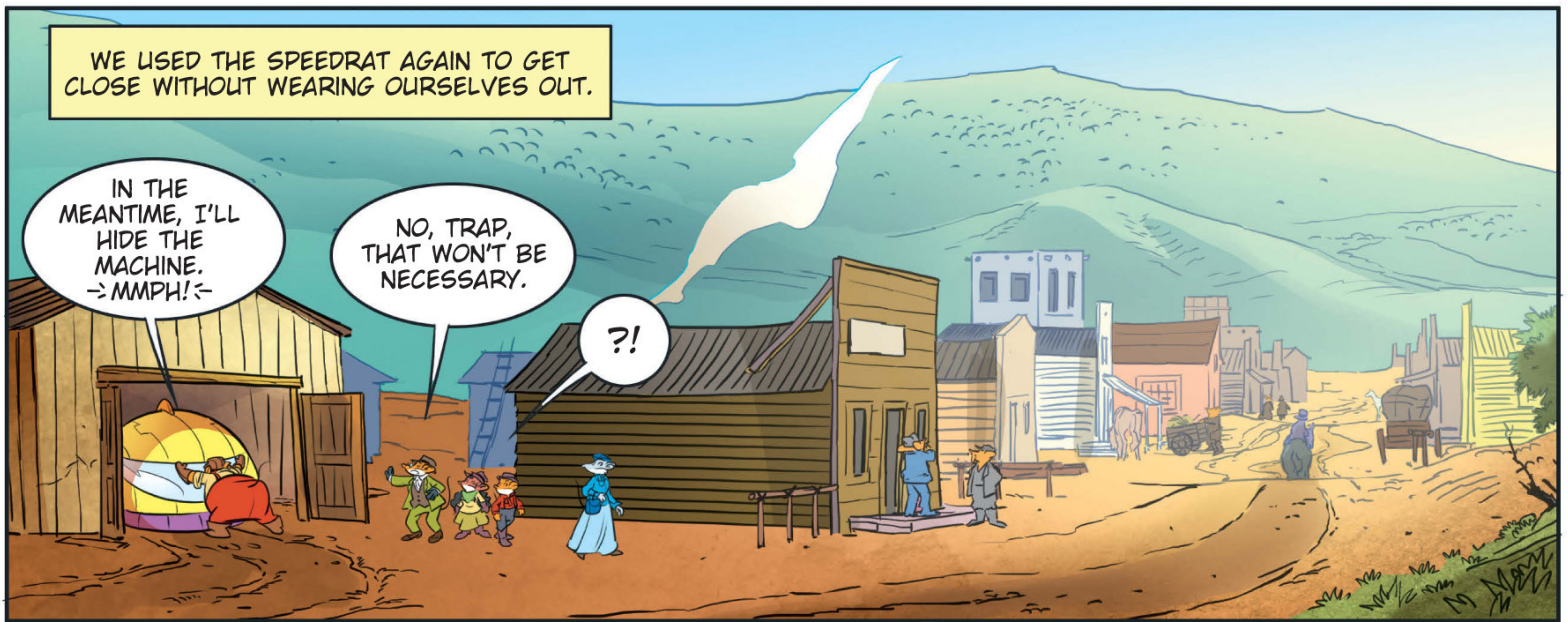
BEAR RIVER
CITY! IN THAT
DIRECTION!

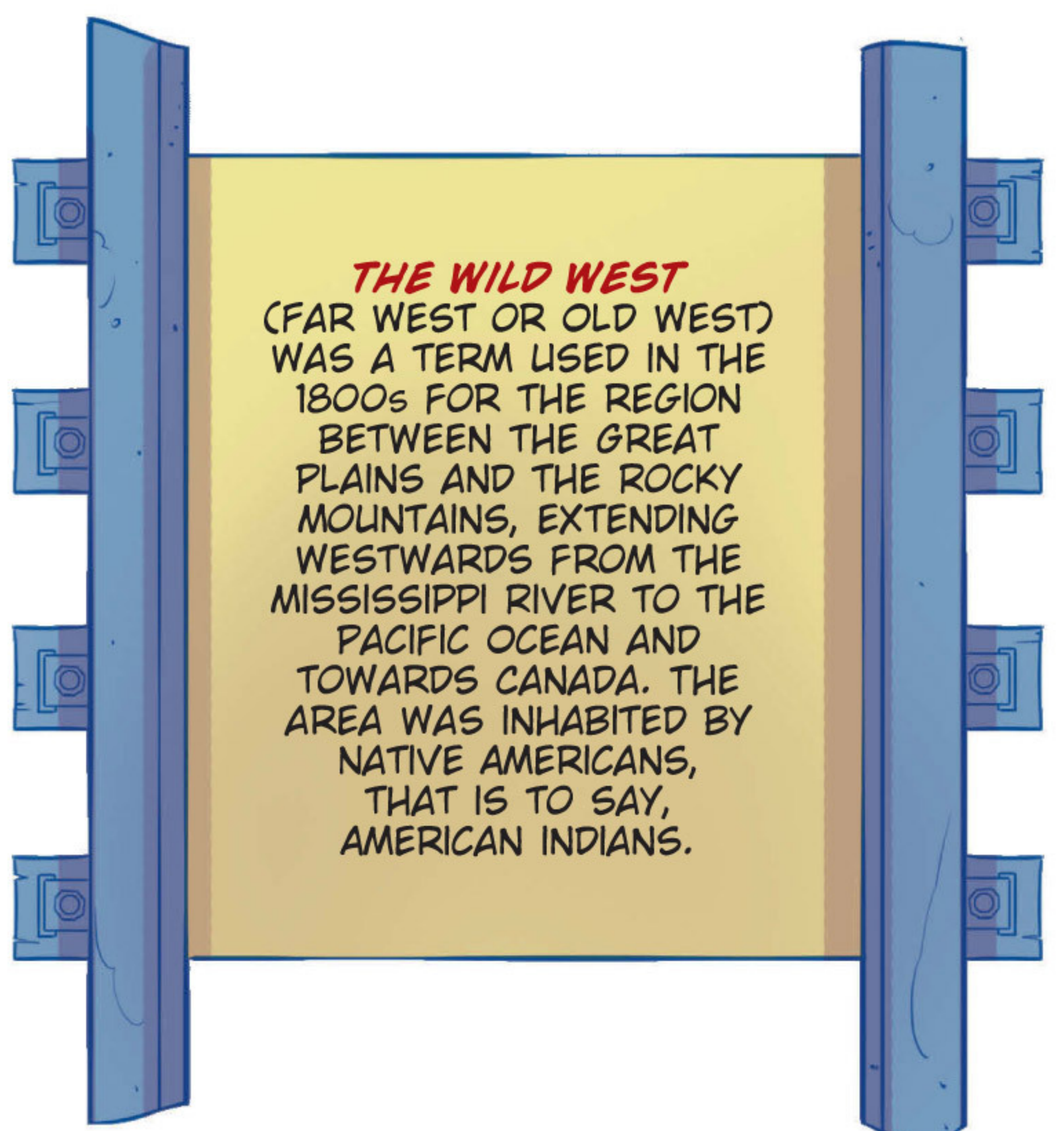
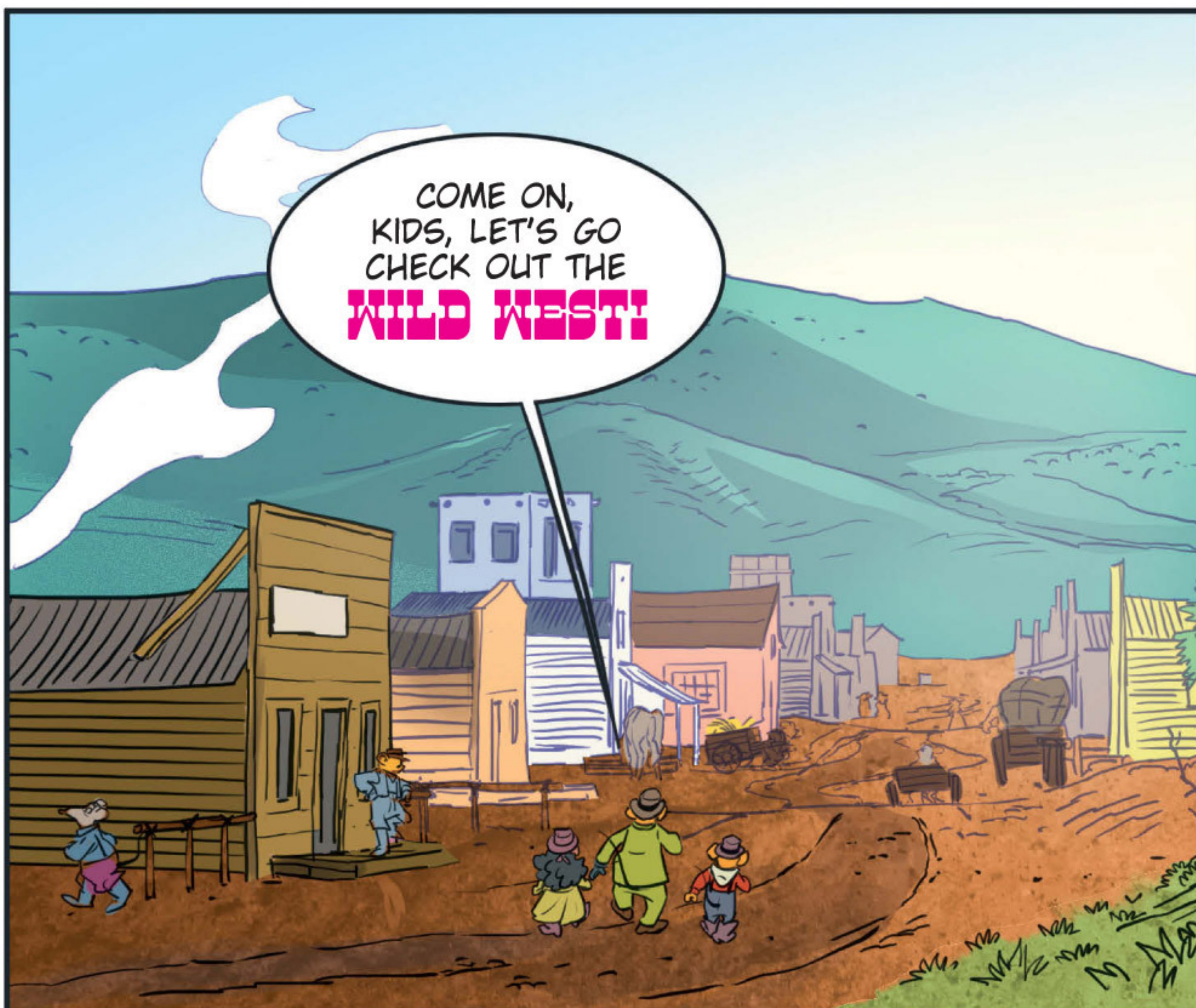
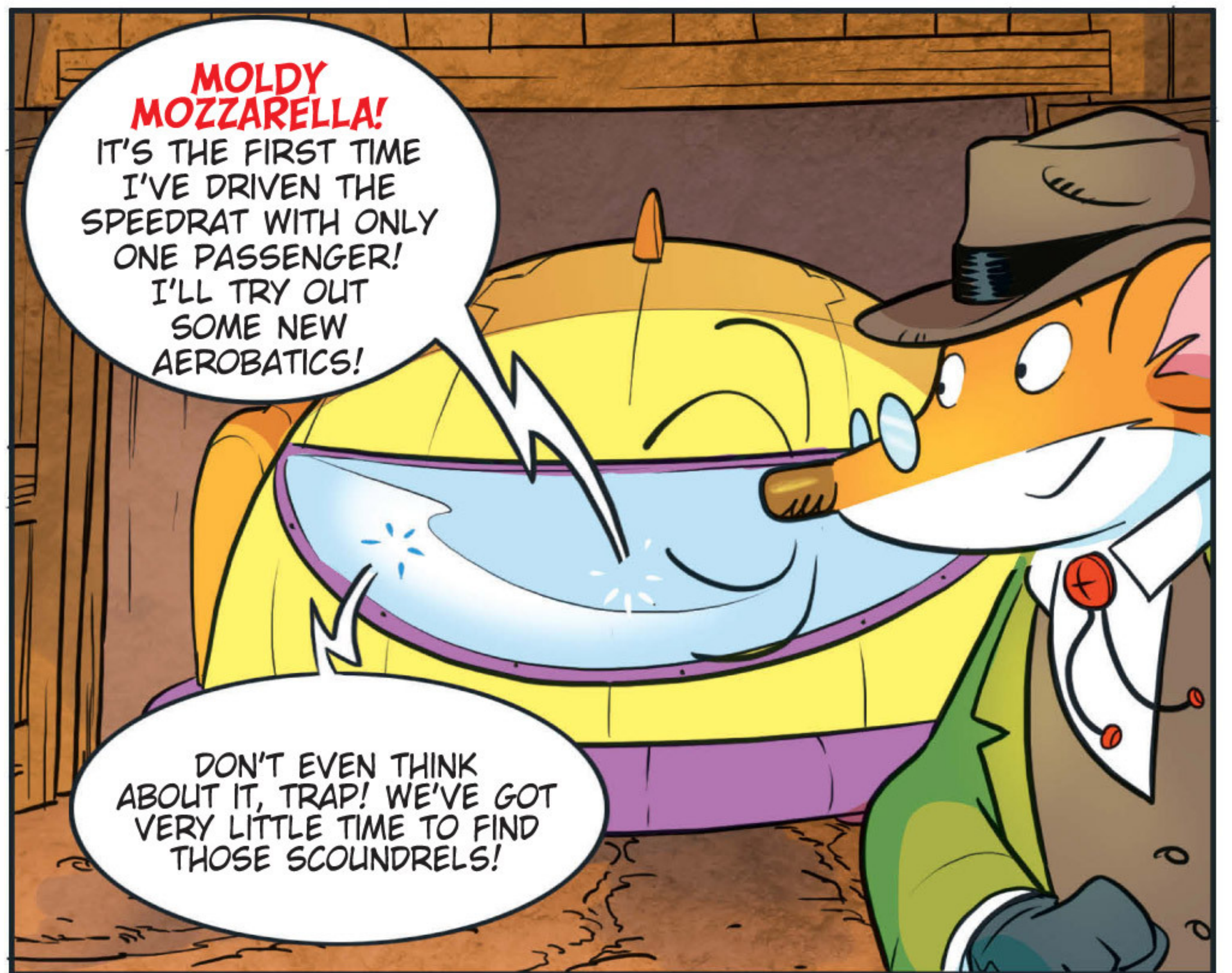
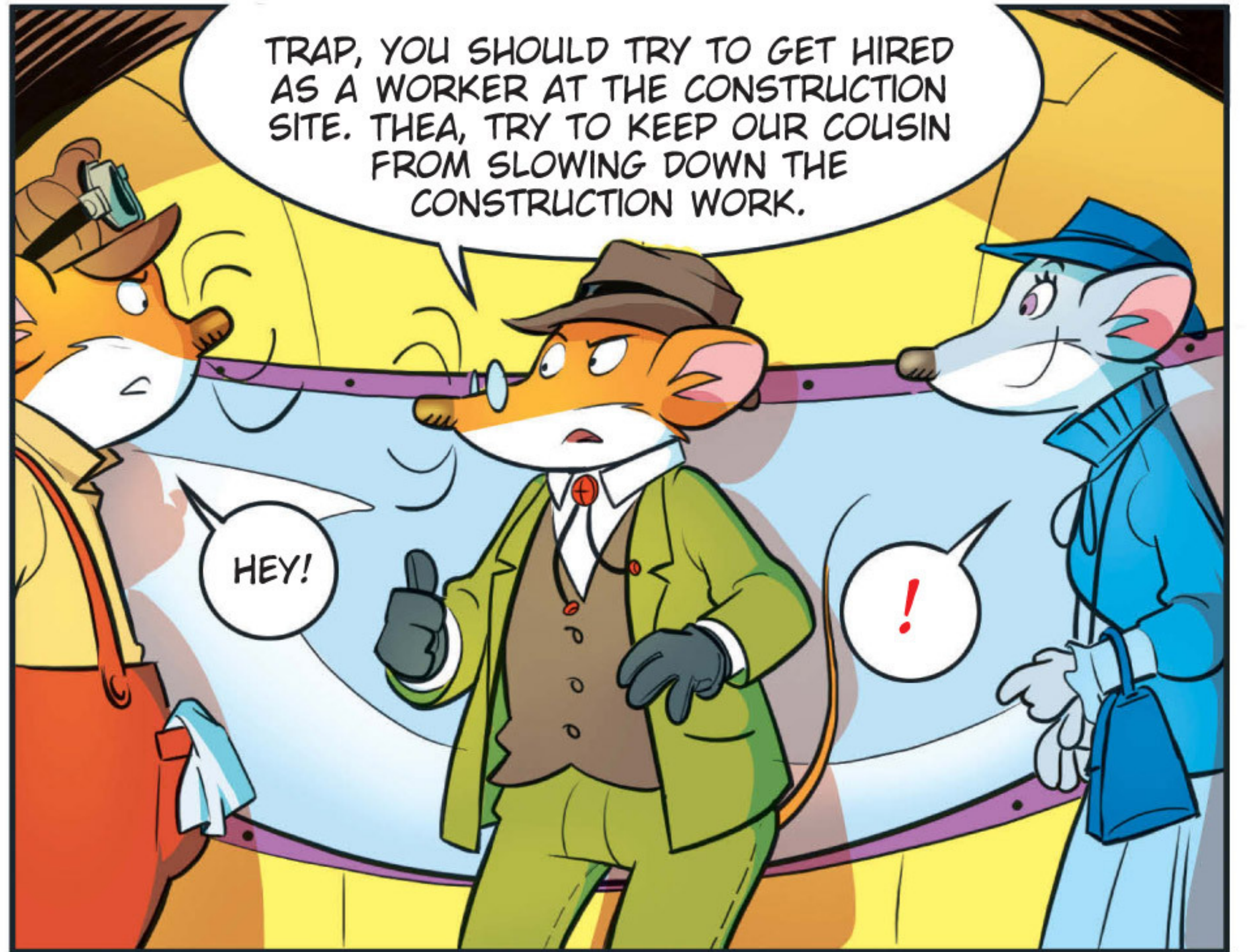
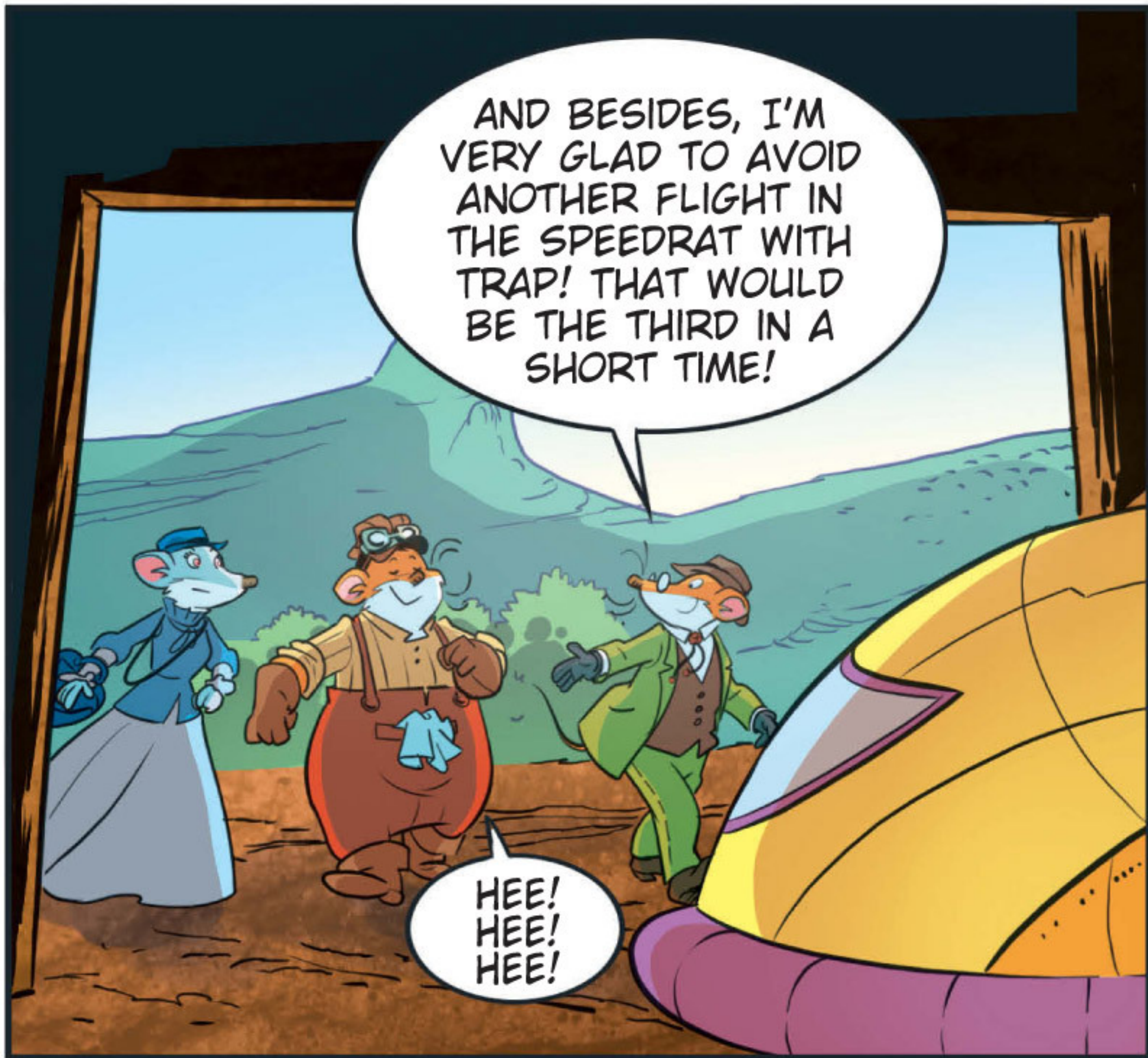


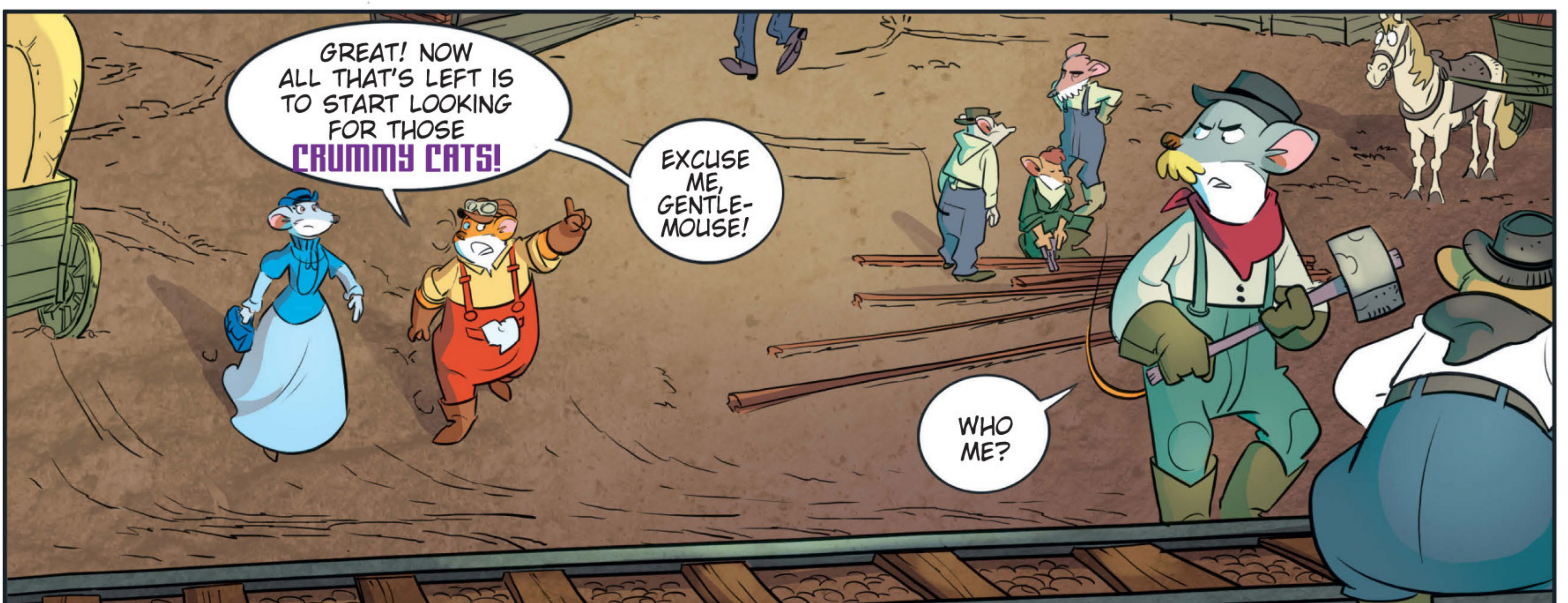
IT'S PRETTY
FAR AWAY. ARE
YOU SURE IT'S
THE NEAREST
TOWN?

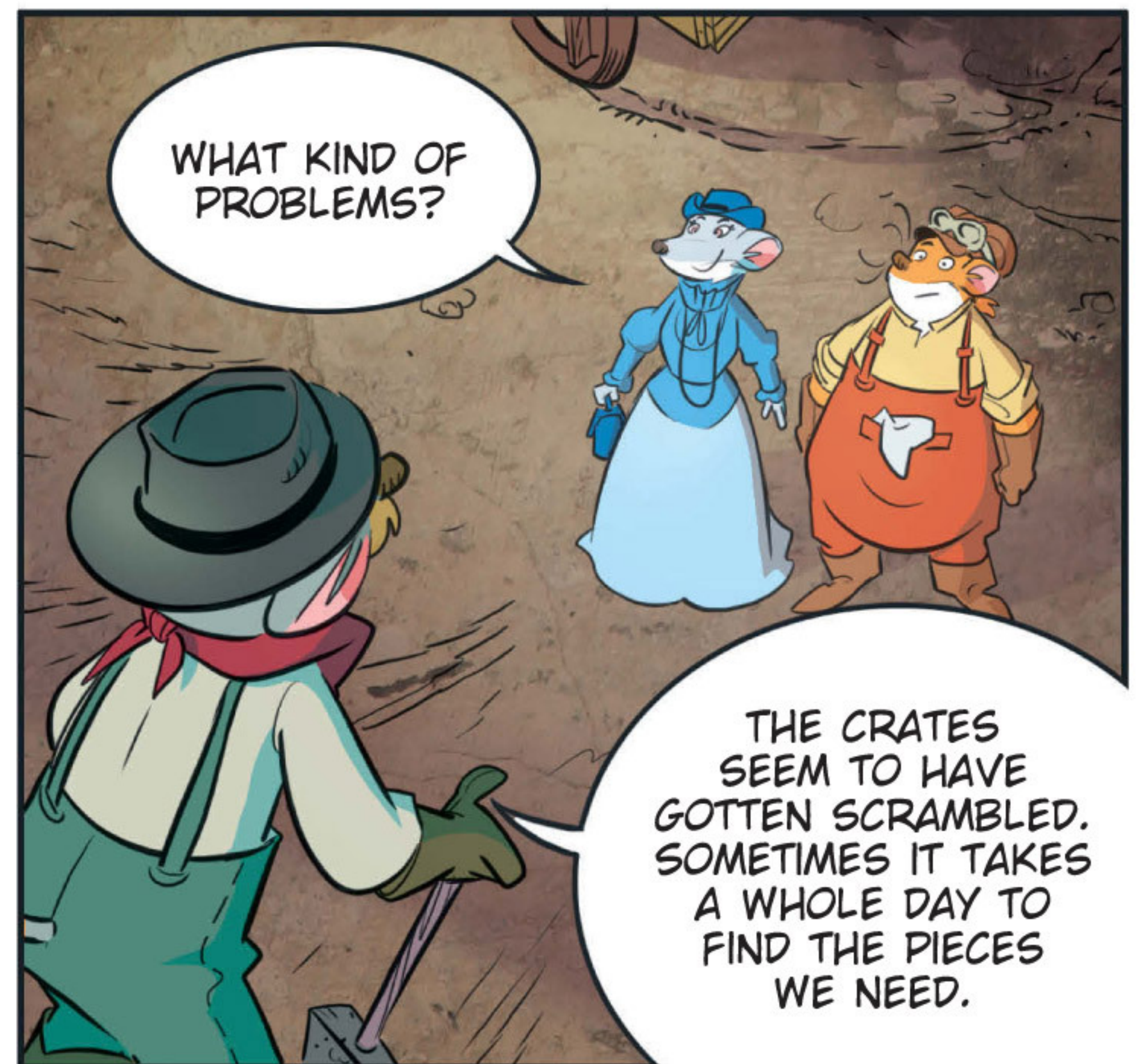
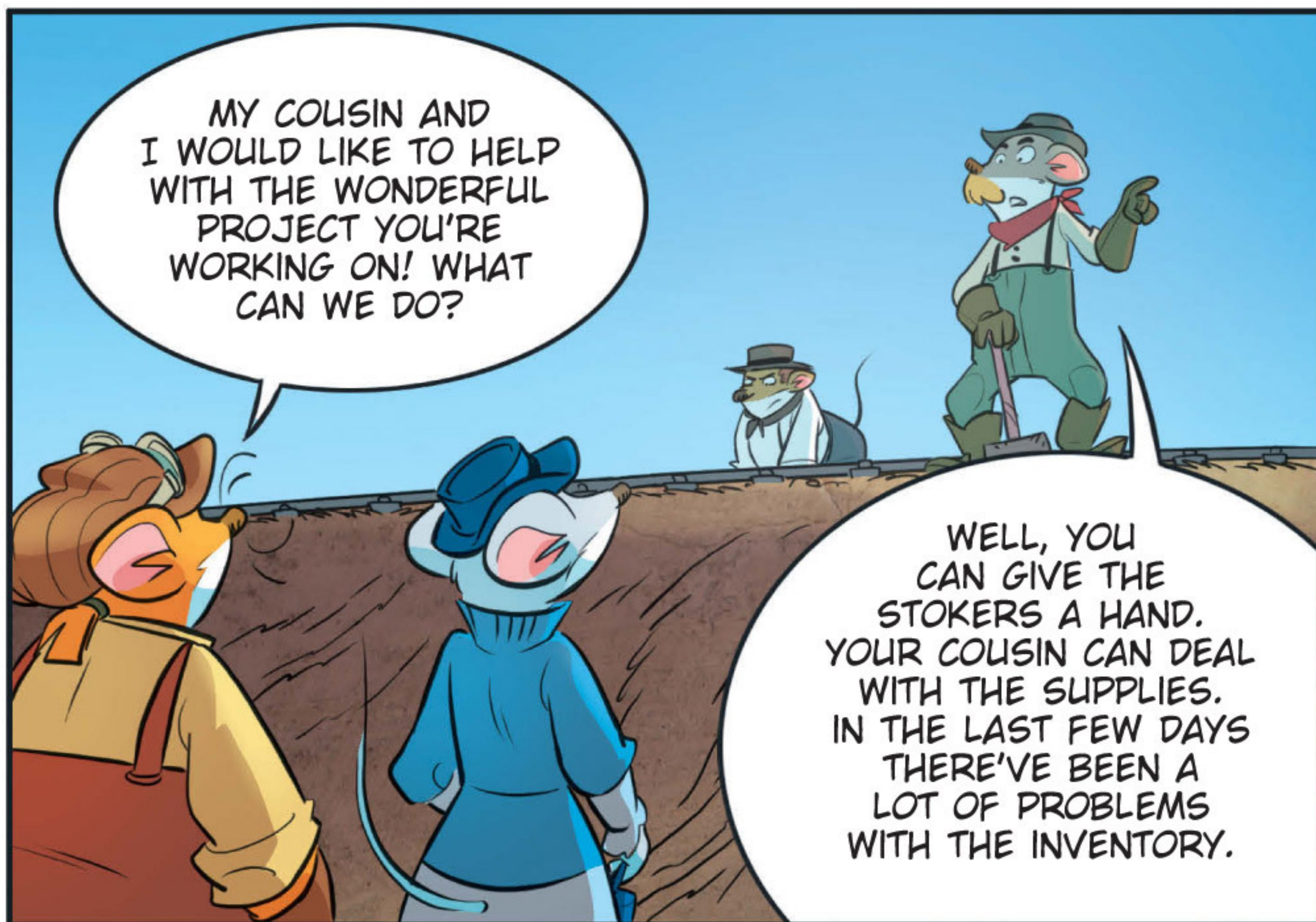
TRAP, WE'RE
IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE DESERT!
IF THERE WERE
SOMETHING ELSE,
WE'D SEE IT,
RIGHT?

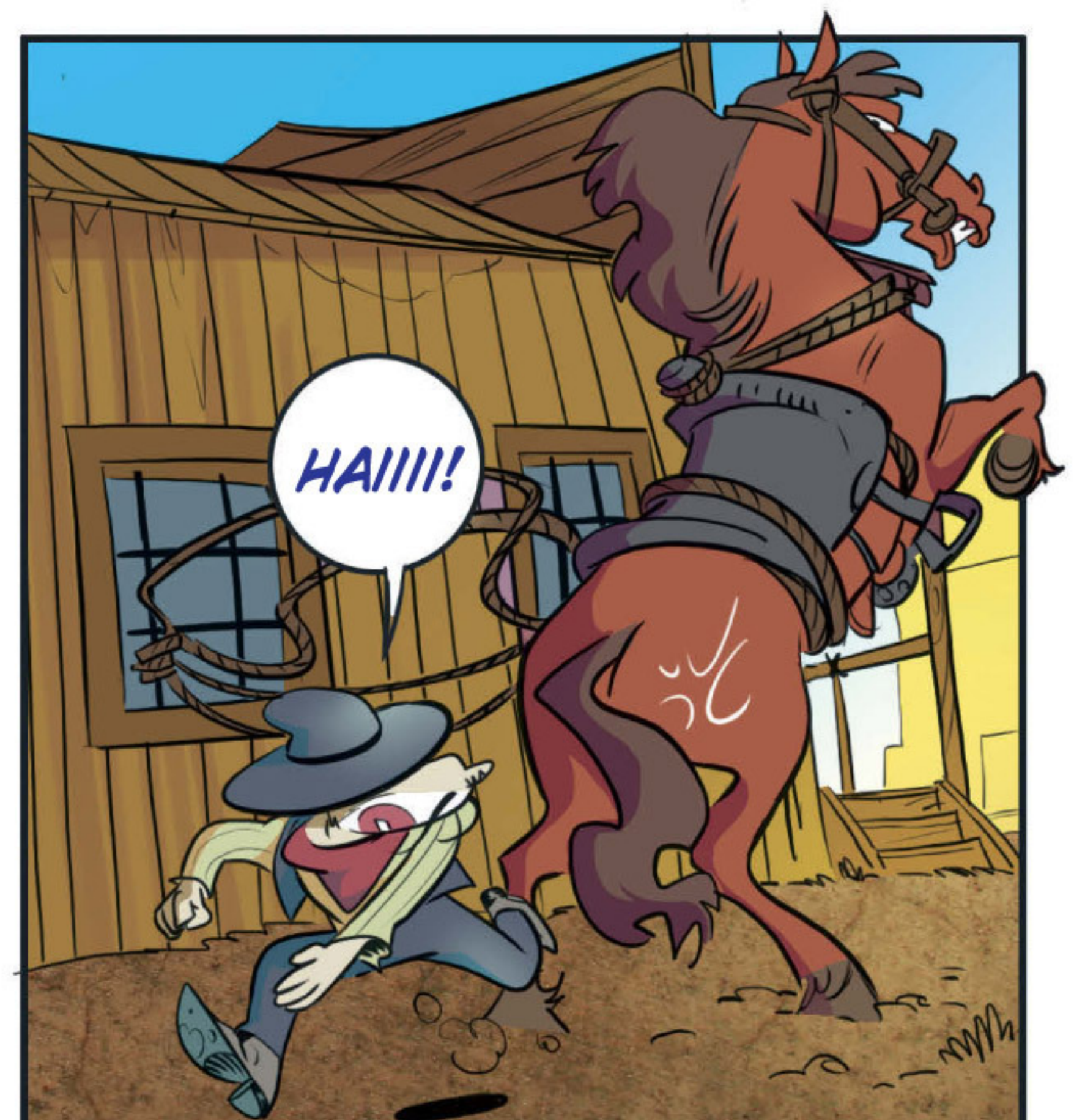
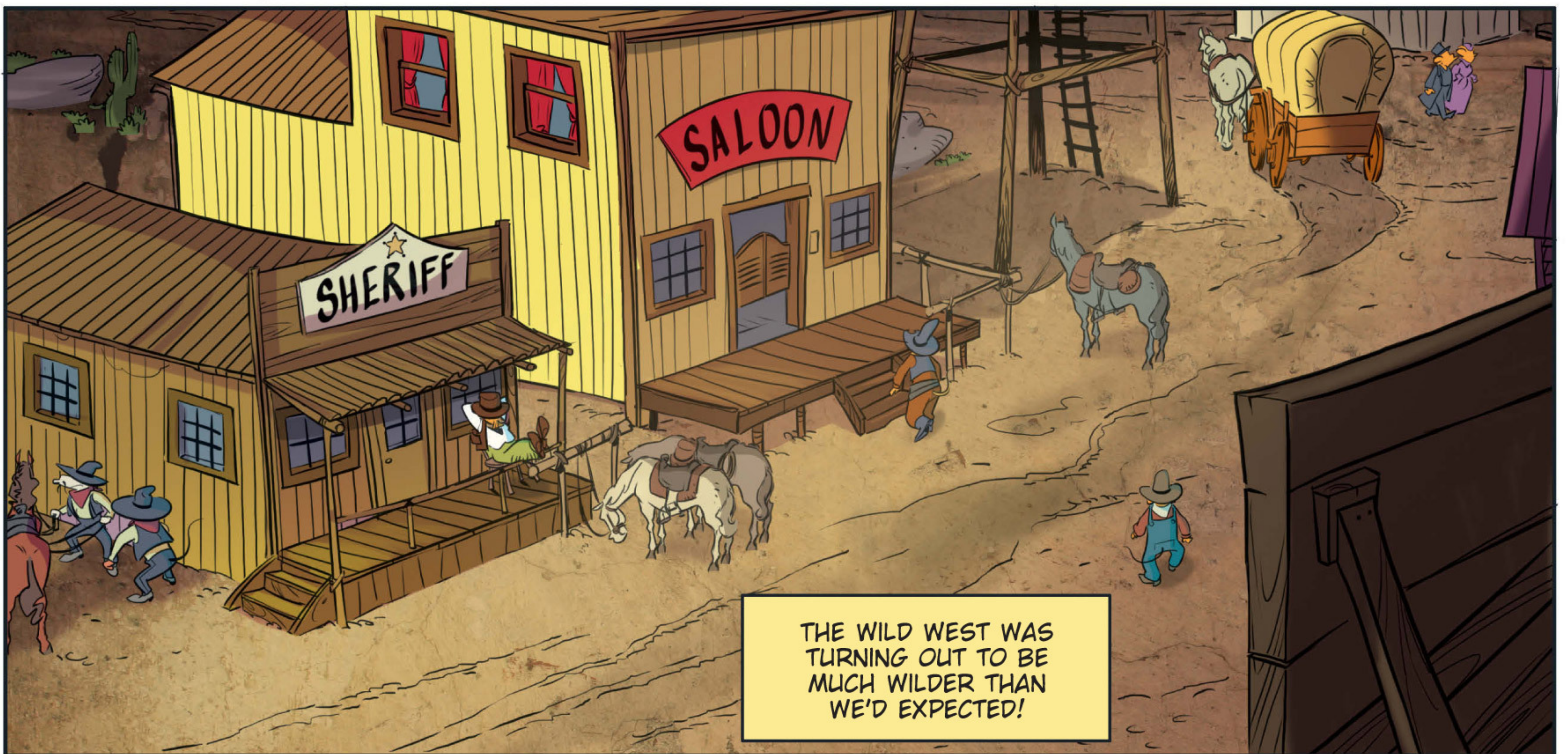


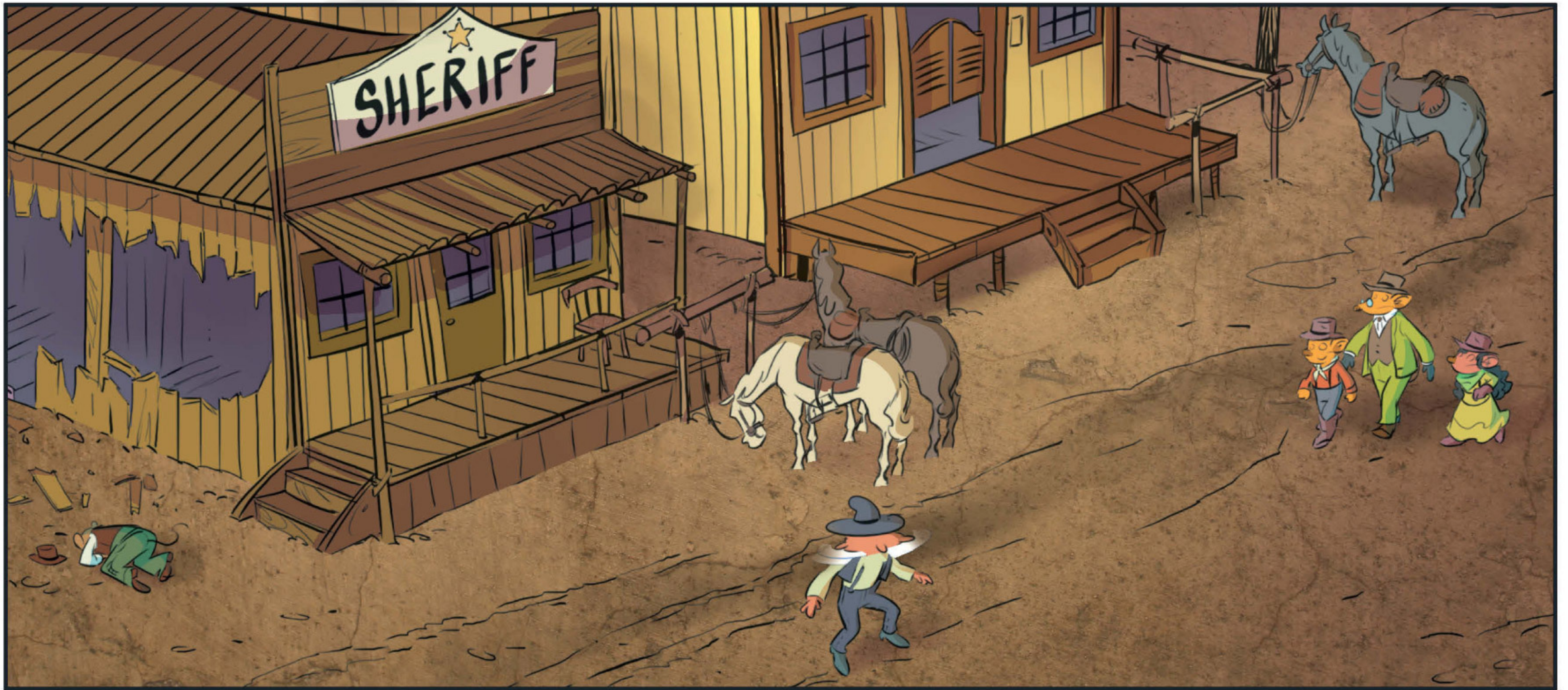






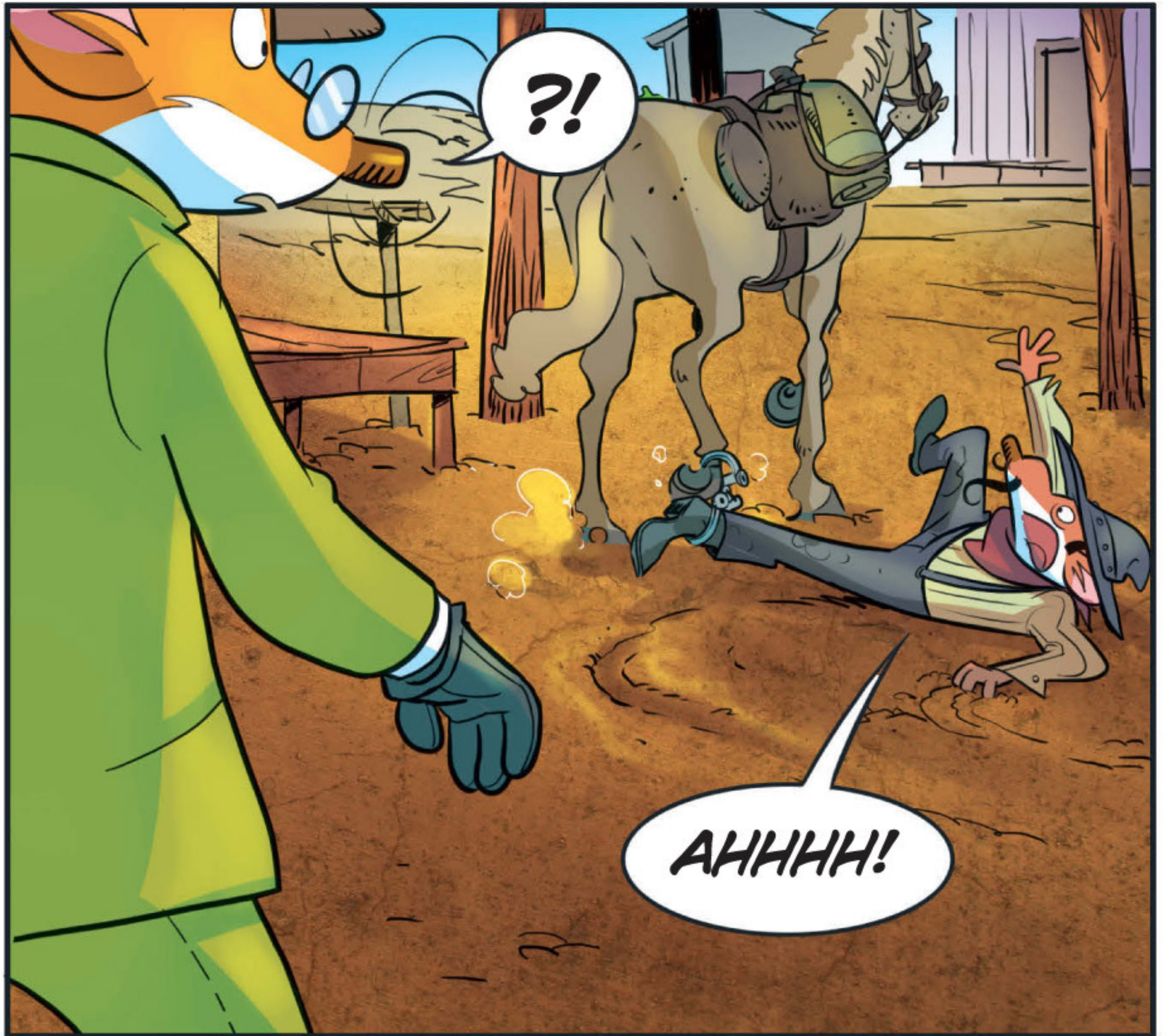
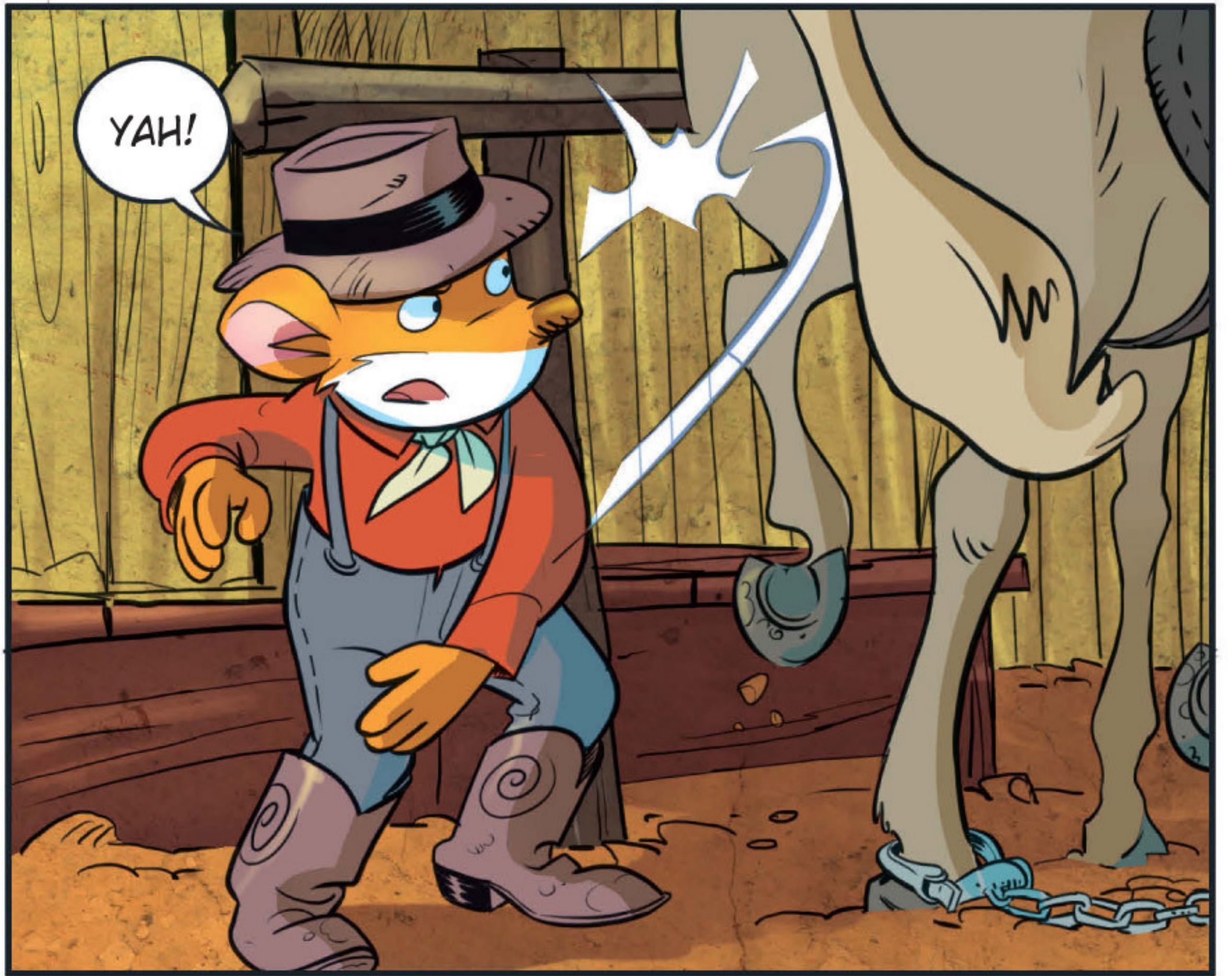










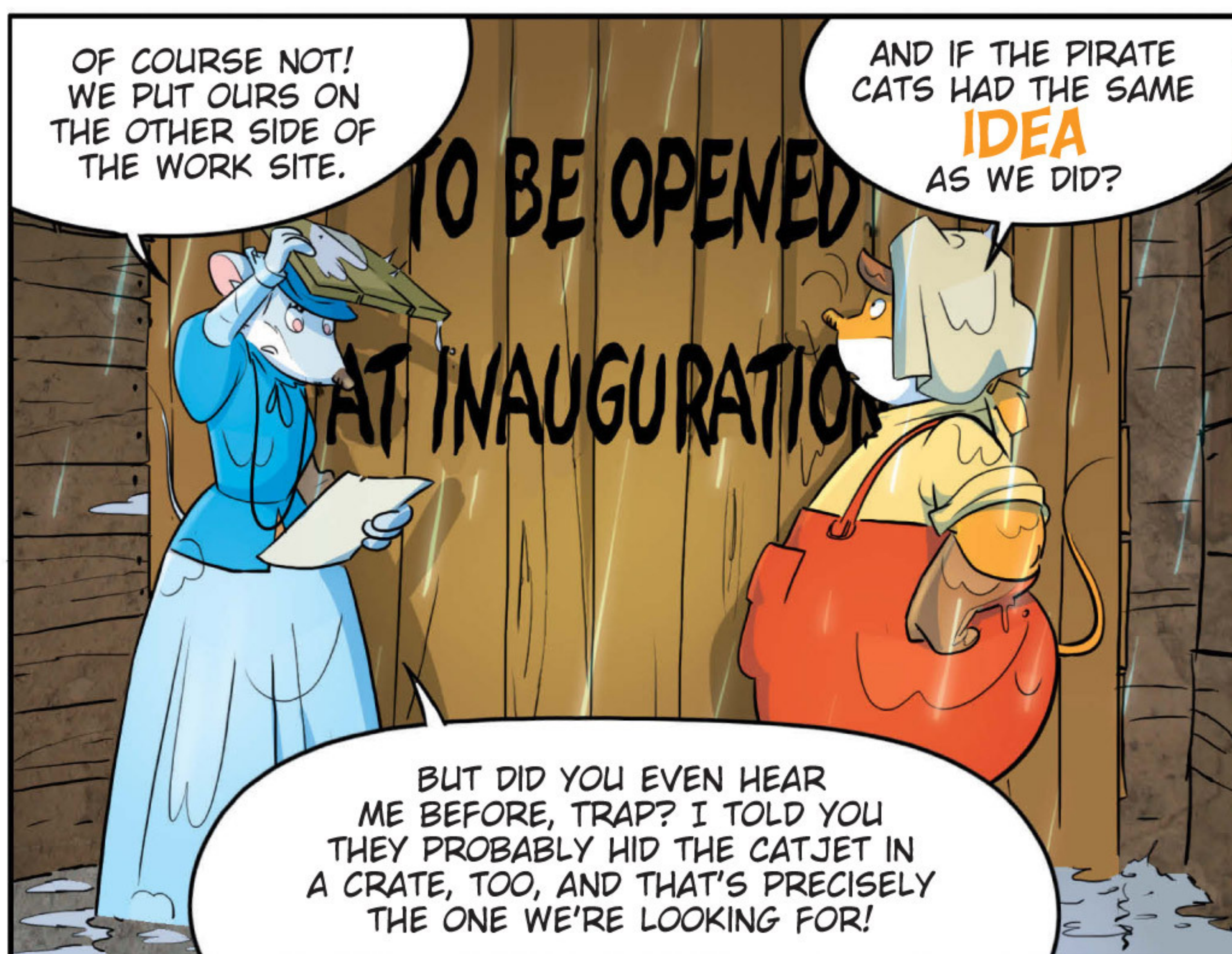
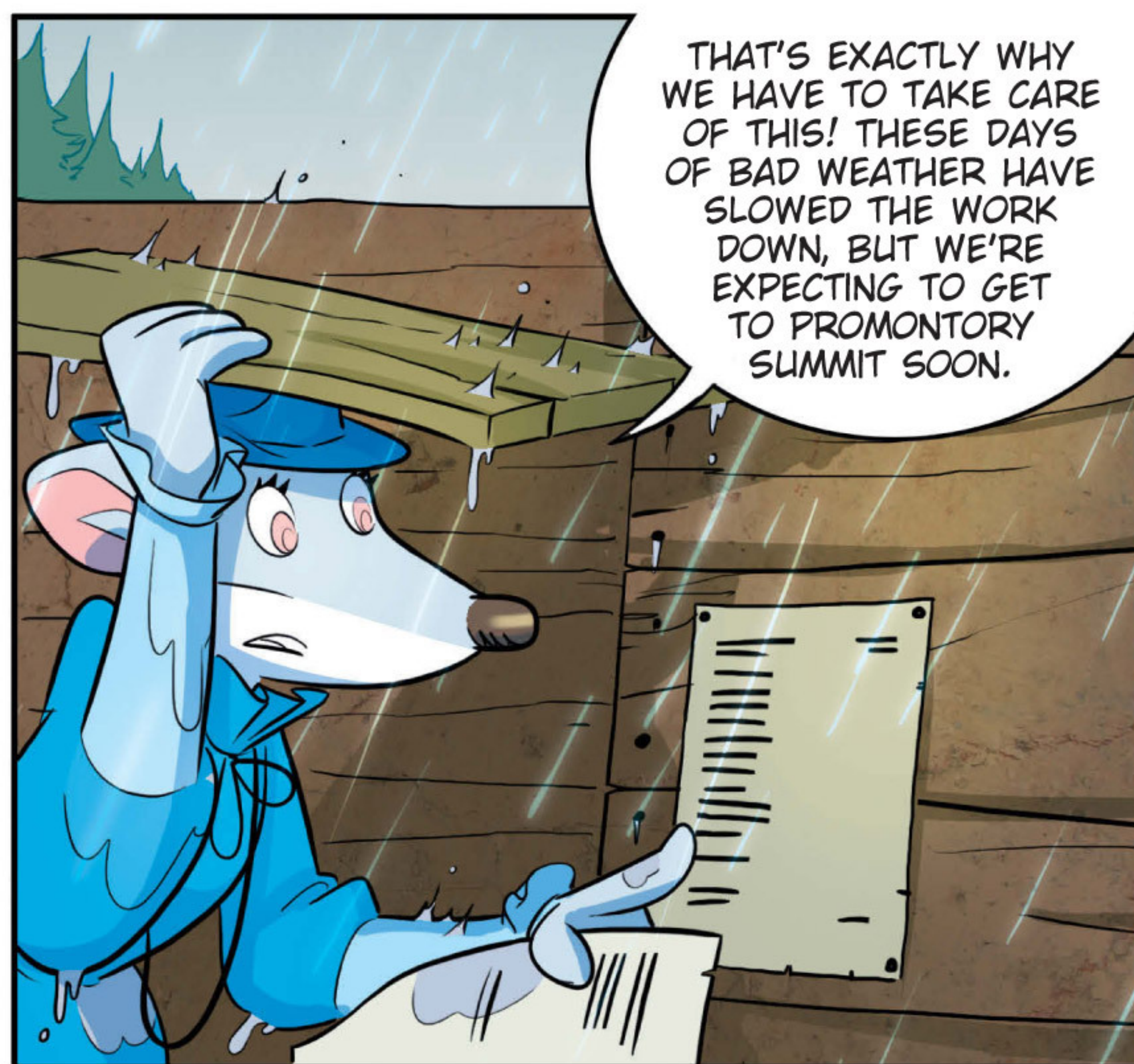


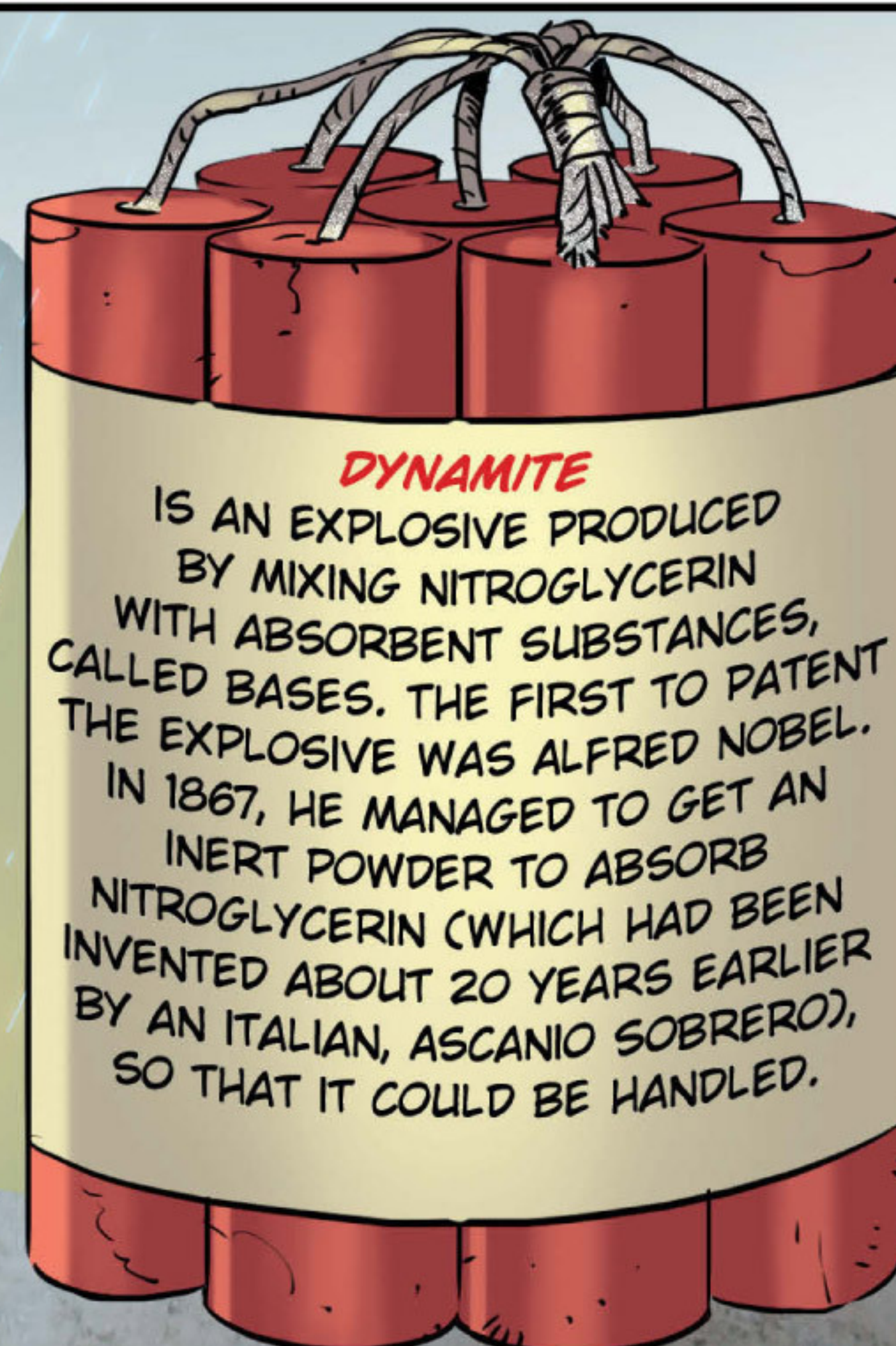
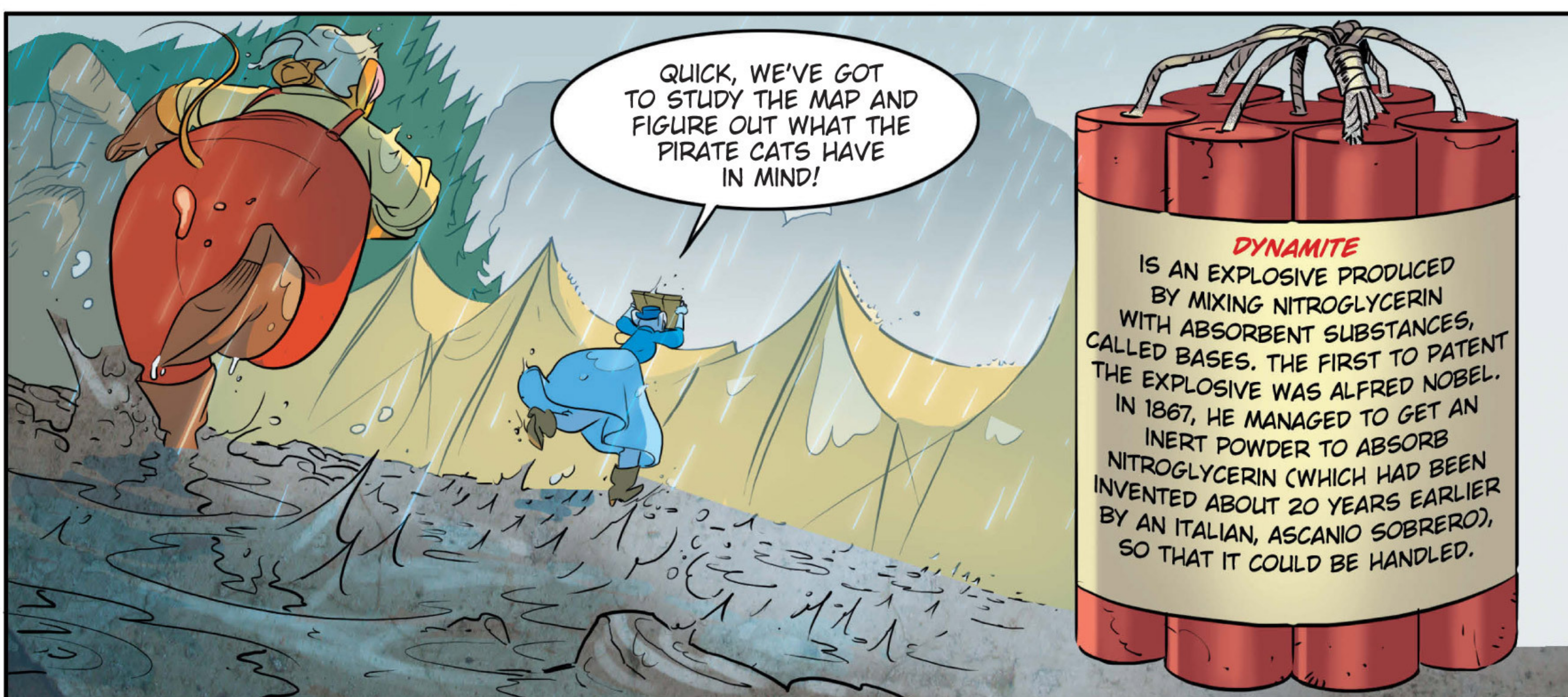
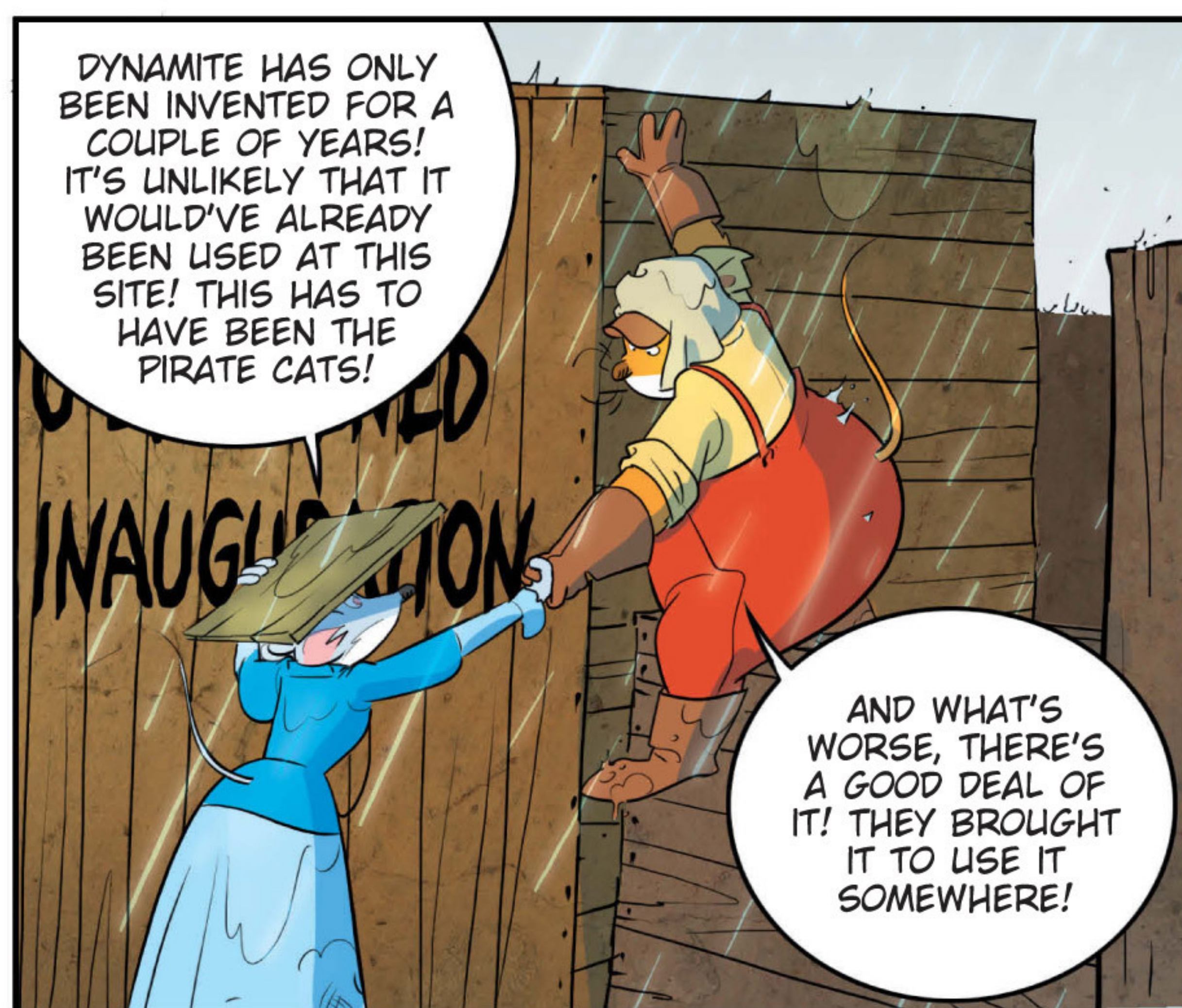
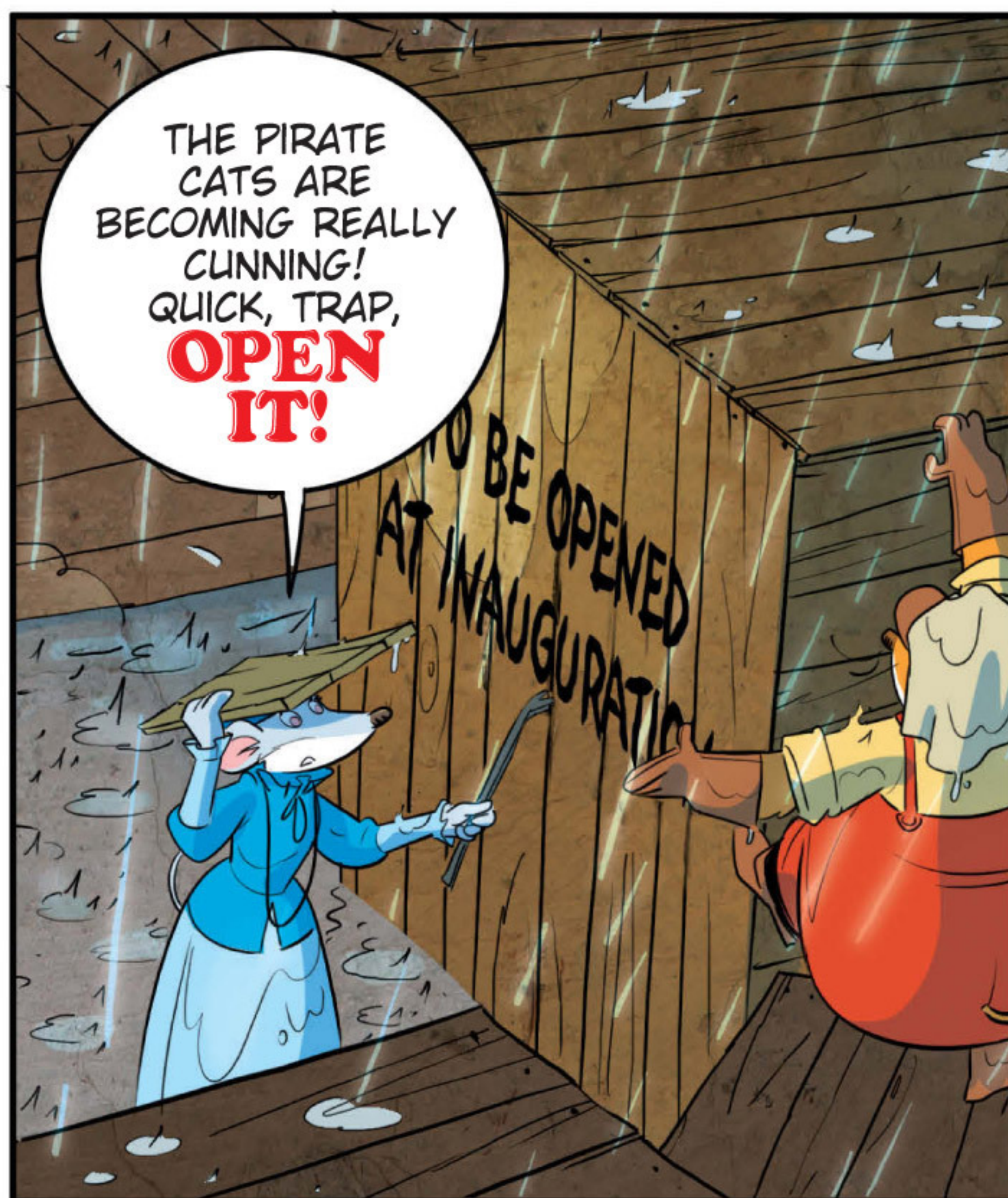
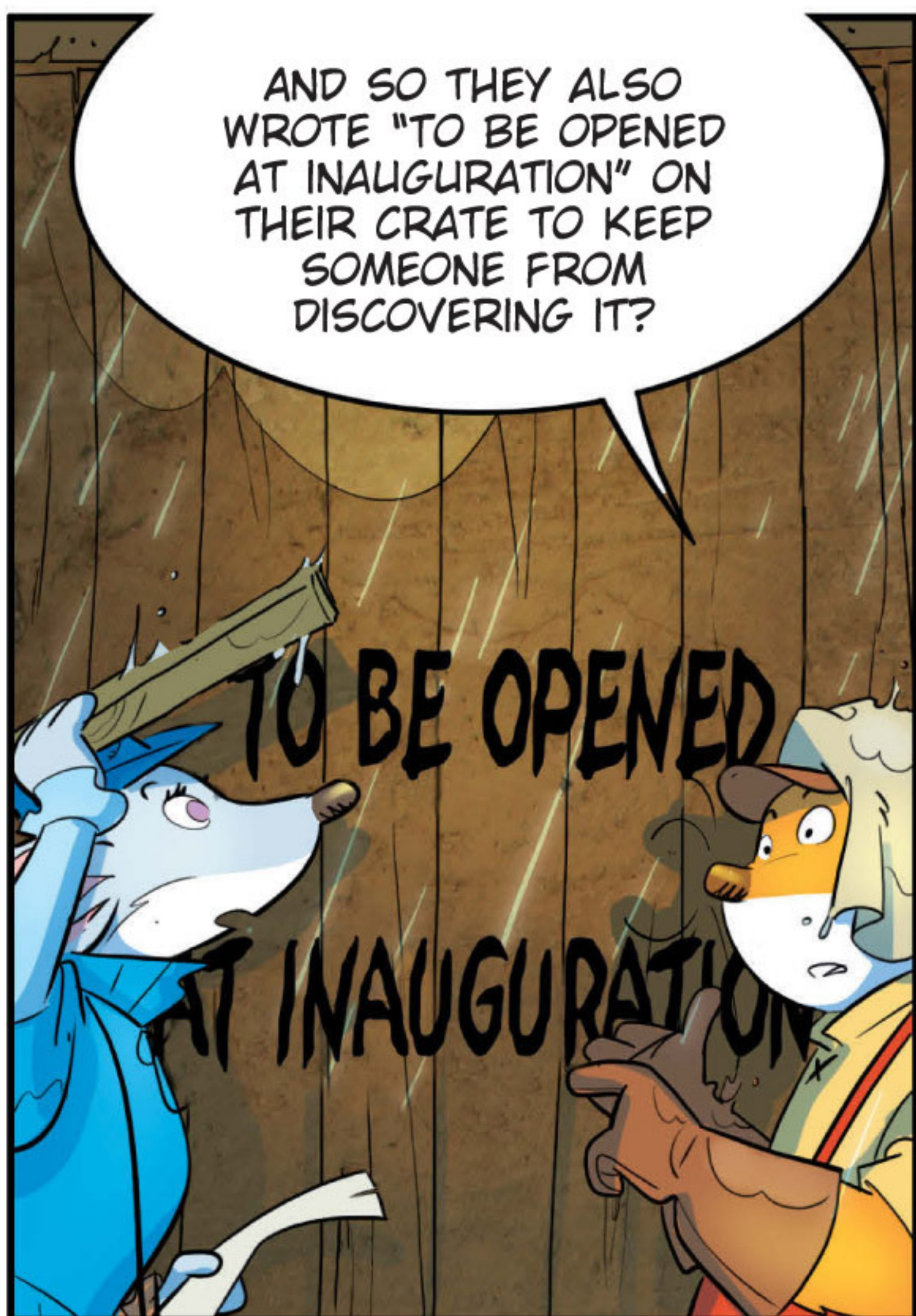


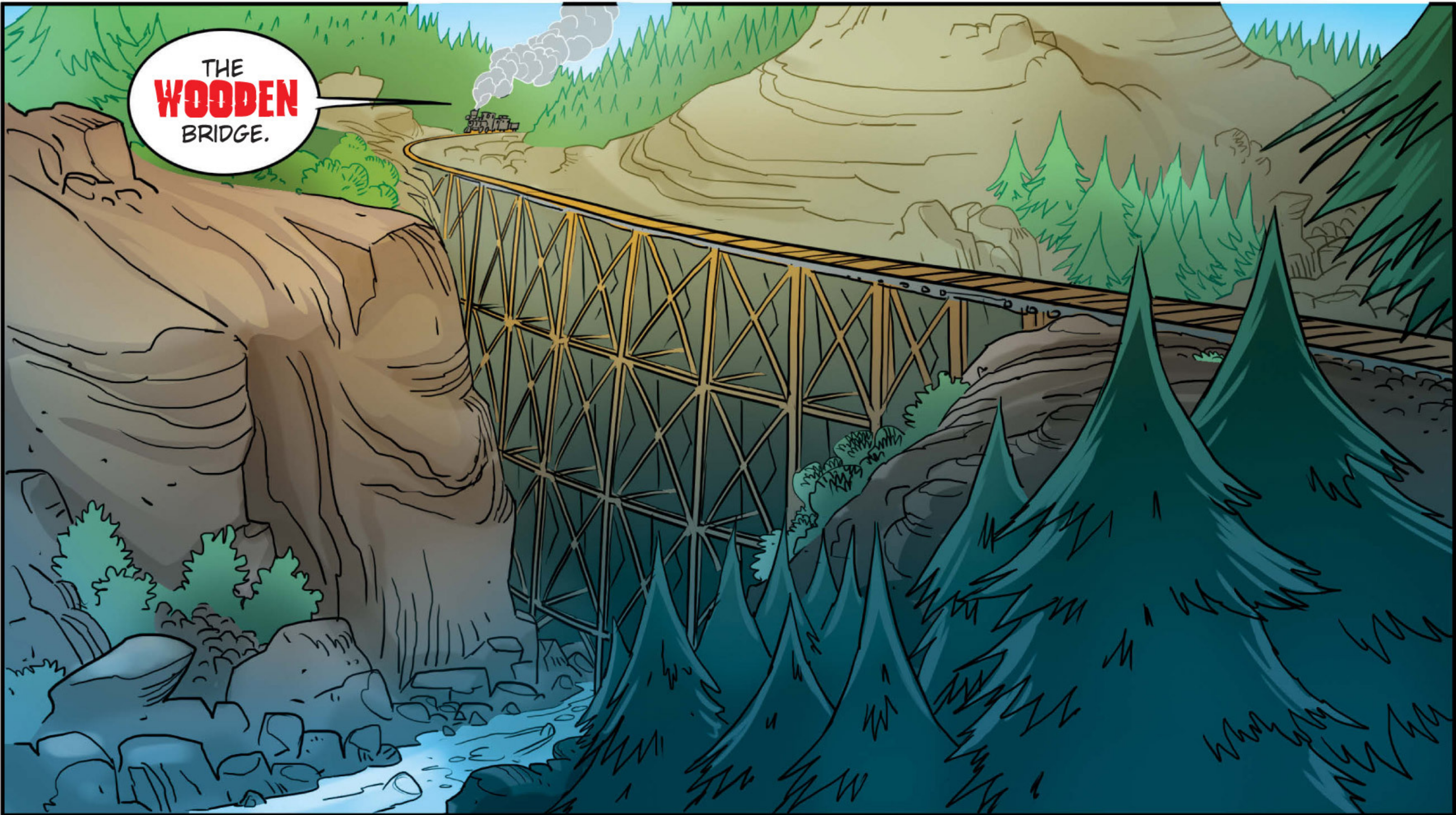
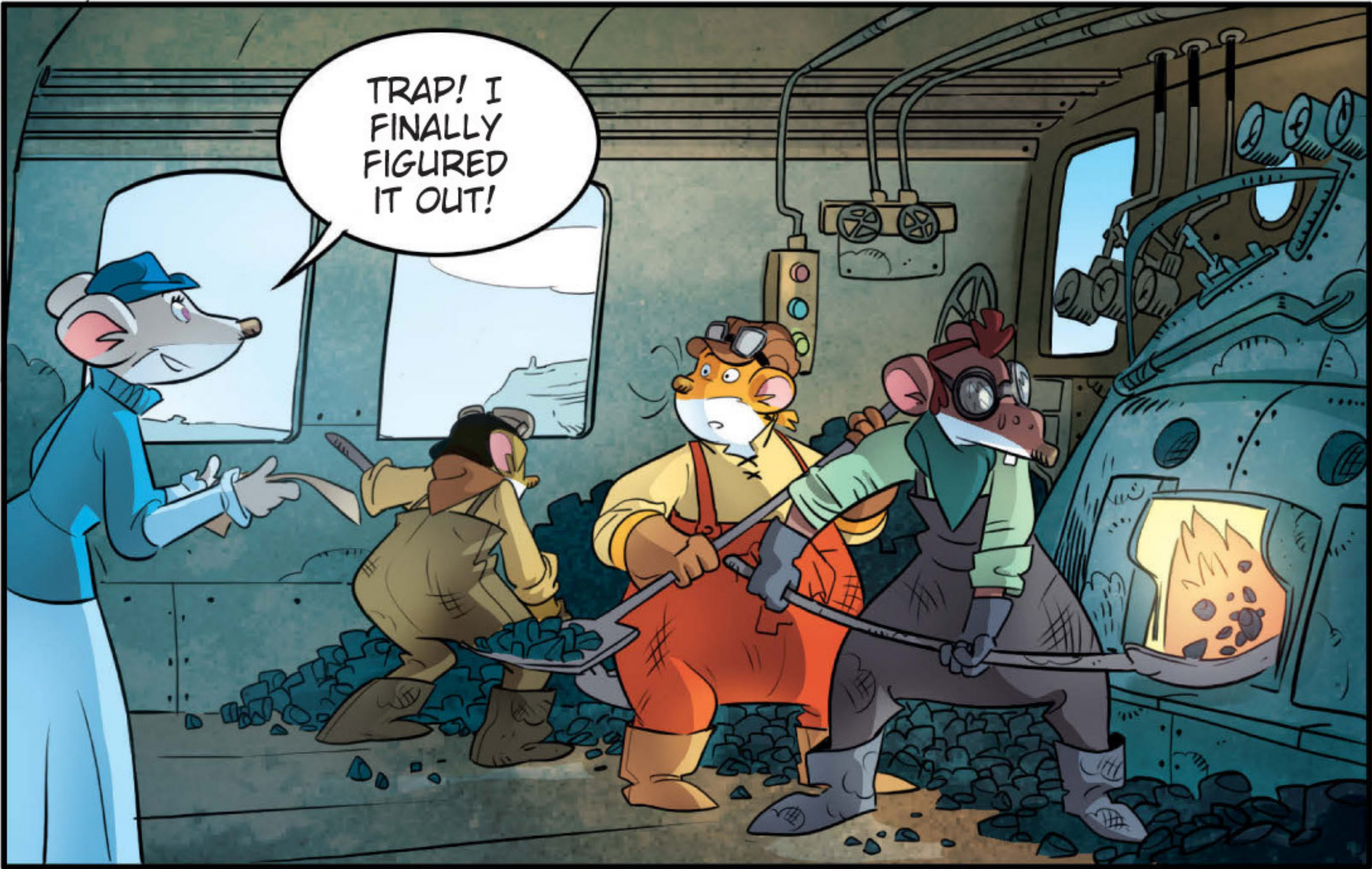
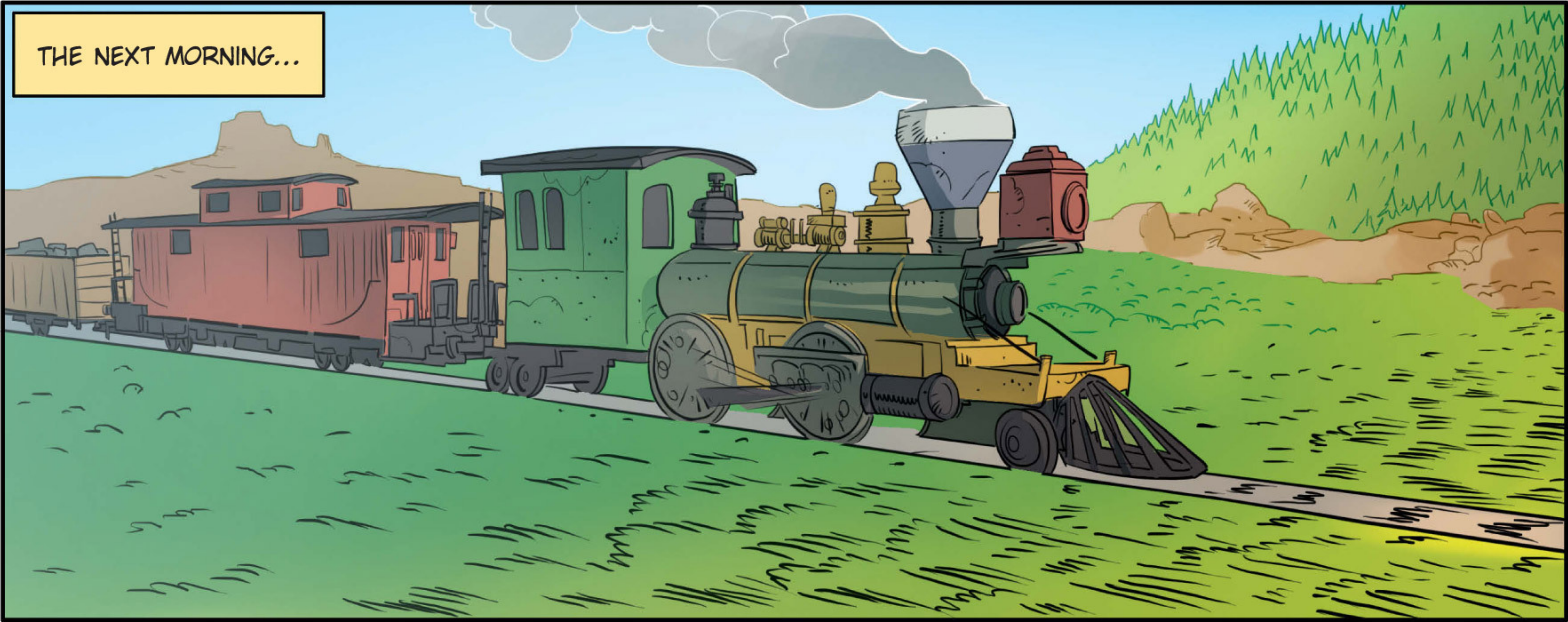


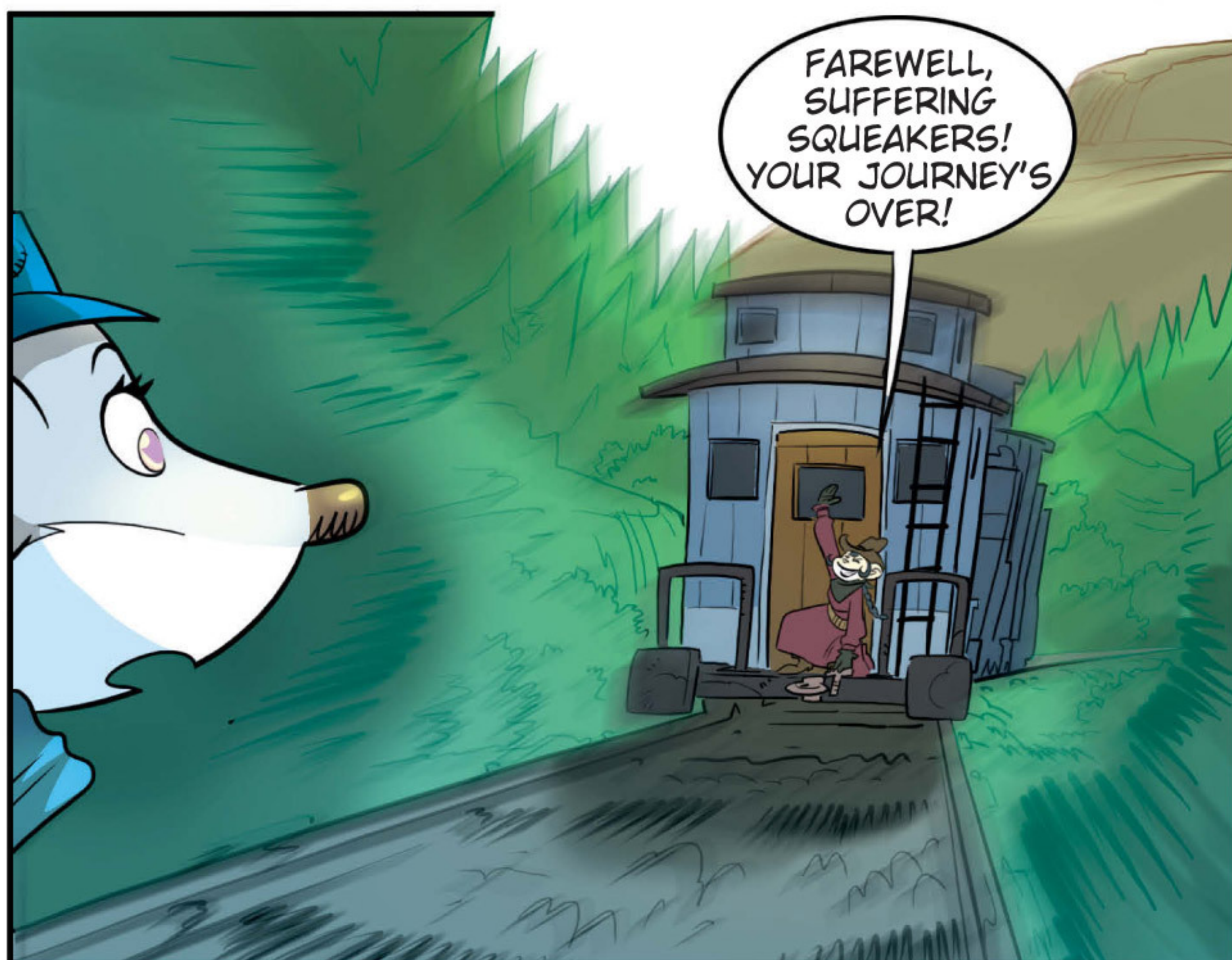
LELAND STANFORD
(1824-1893)
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA FROM 1862-63, HE WAS ONE OF THE BACKERS OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD, ONE OF THE TWO COMPANIES THAT CREATED THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD. IT WAS REALLY LELAND STANFORD WHO JOINED THE TWO RAILWAY LINES AT PROMONTORY SUMMIT ON MAY 10, 1869. IN 1885, HE FOUNDED STANFORD UNIVERSITY, ABOUT 35 MILES SOUTH OF SAN FRANCISCO.











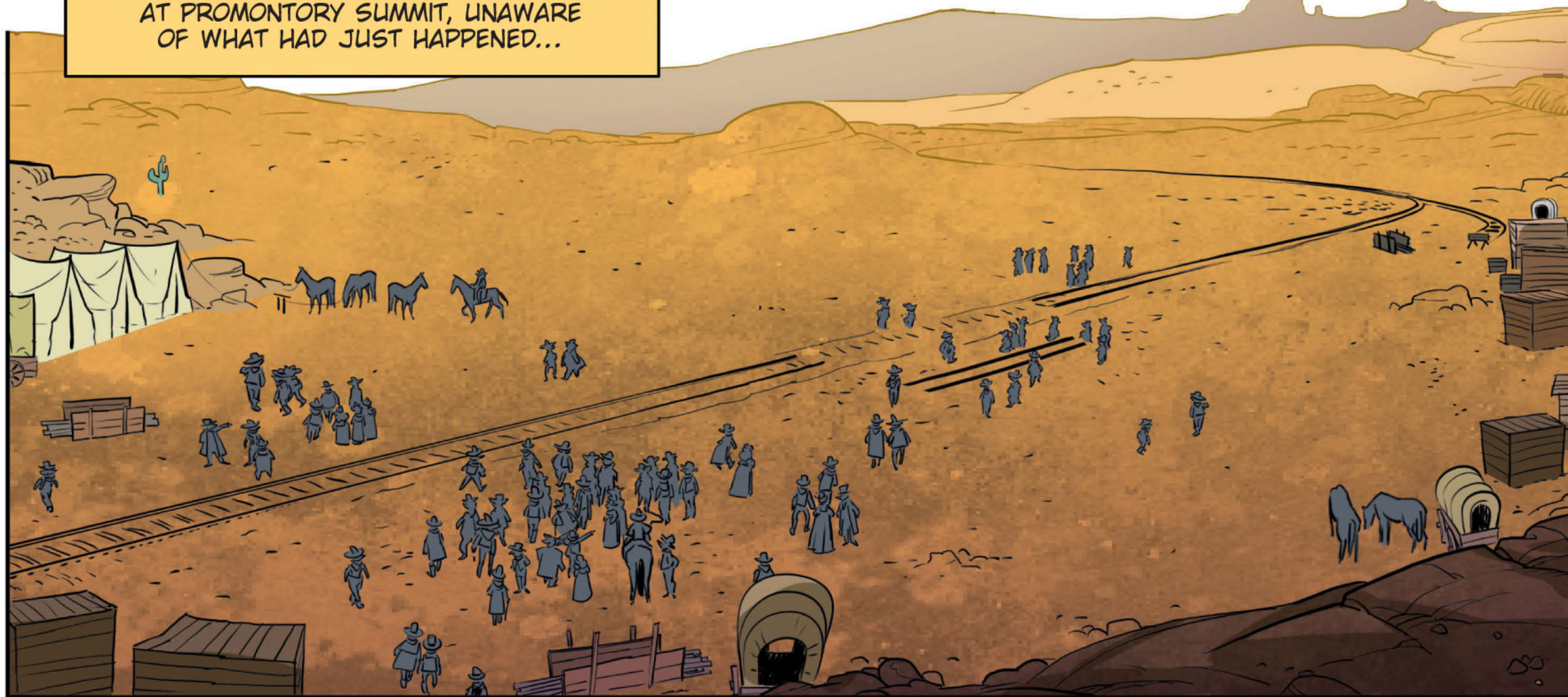






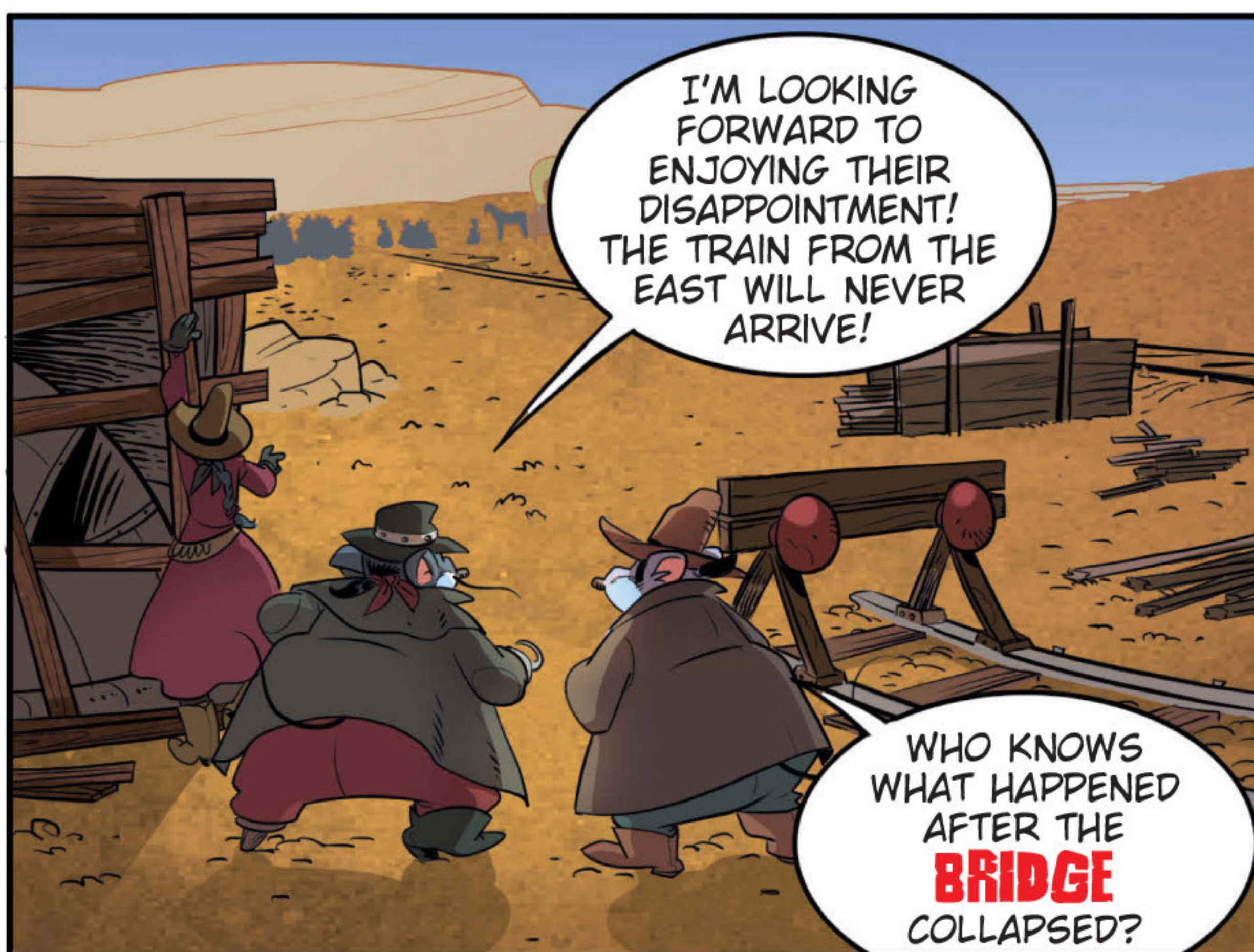


MEANWHILE, WE WERE WAITING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE TRAIN FROM THE EAST AT PROMONTORY SUMMIT, UNAWARE OF WHAT HAD JUST HAPPENED...



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE TRAIN WILL BE HERE IN MINUTES! THEN WE CAN FINISH THE TRACK!

BUT THE WORK'S FINISHED. WHERE'S THE TRAIN?



I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO ENJOYING THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT! THE TRAIN FROM THE EAST WILL NEVER ARRIVE!

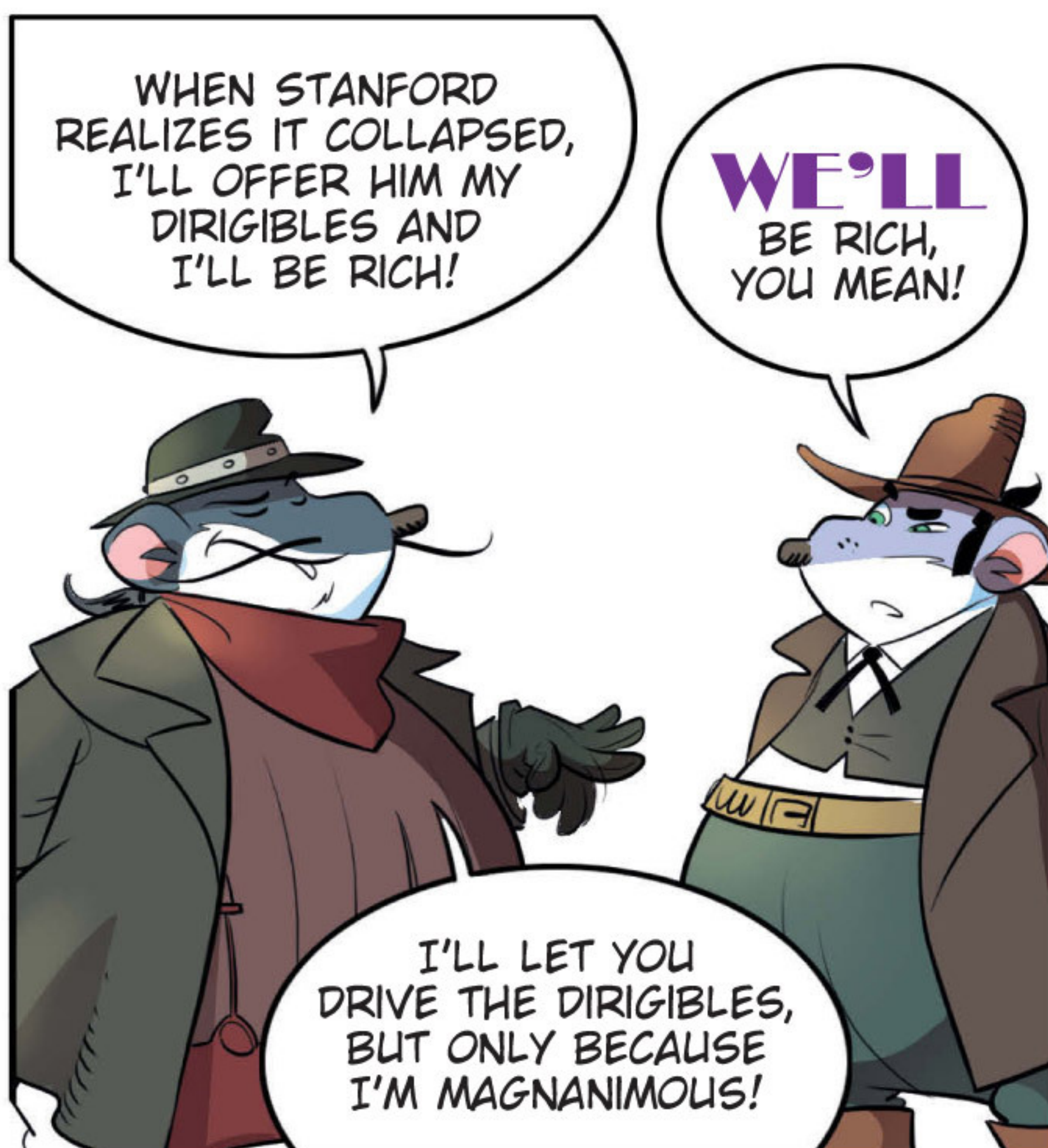
WHO KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE **BRIDGE** COLLAPSED?



THOSE SUFFERING SQUEAKERS WILL HAVE CRASHED!

SHHH!

DON'T DOUBT MY PLAN!



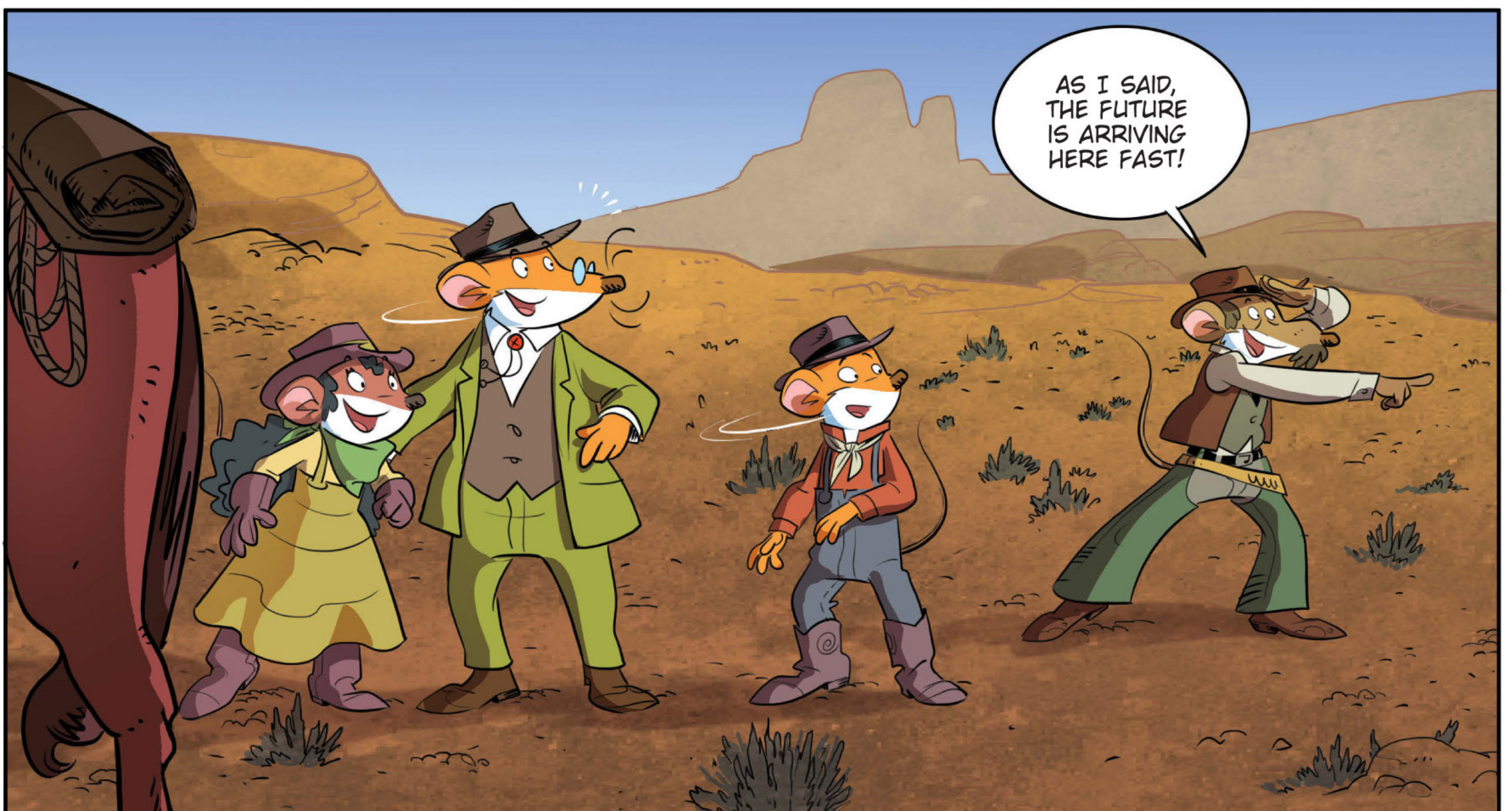
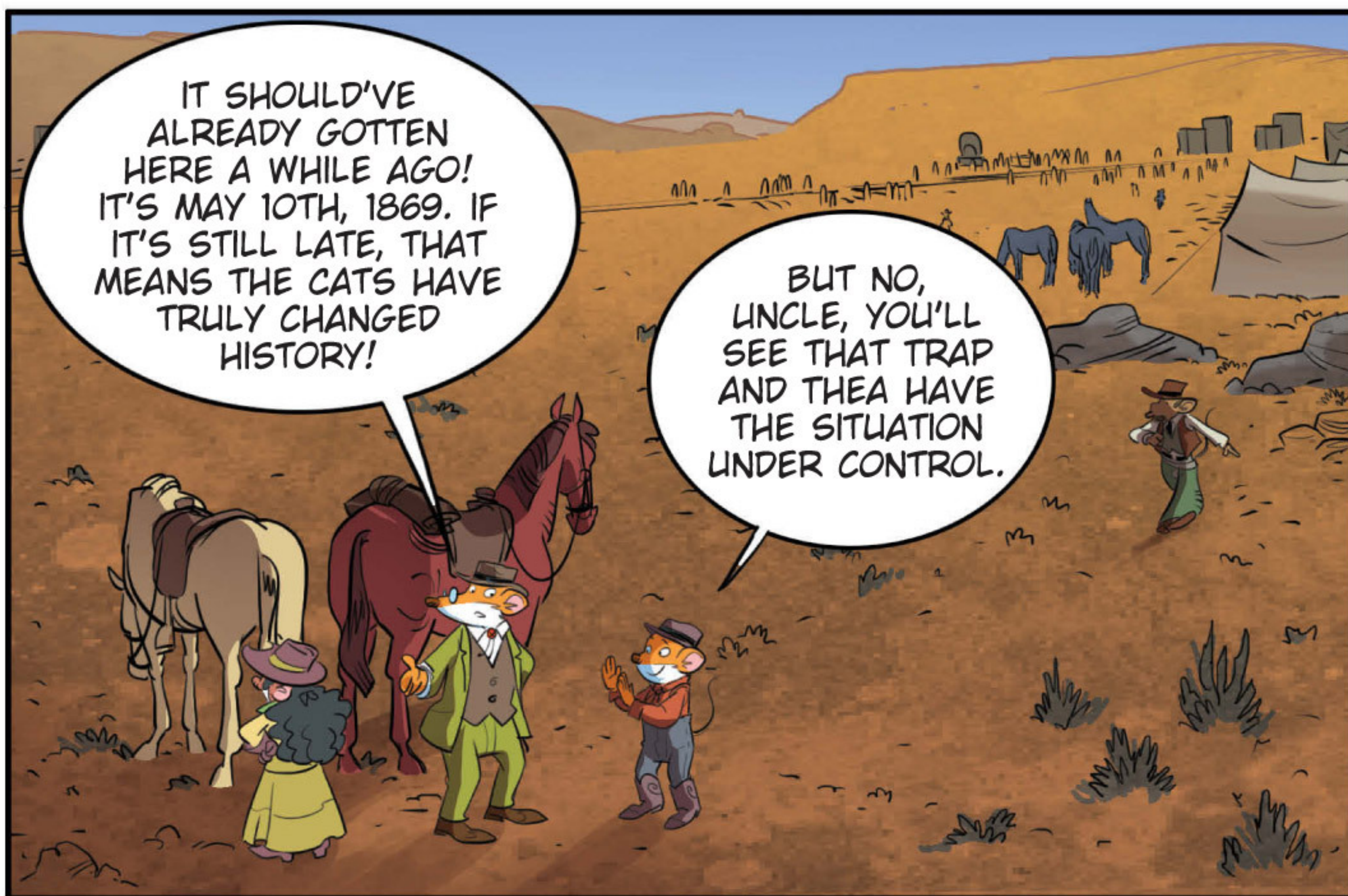
WHEN STANFORD REALIZES IT COLLAPSED, I'LL OFFER HIM MY DIRIGIBLES AND I'LL BE RICH!

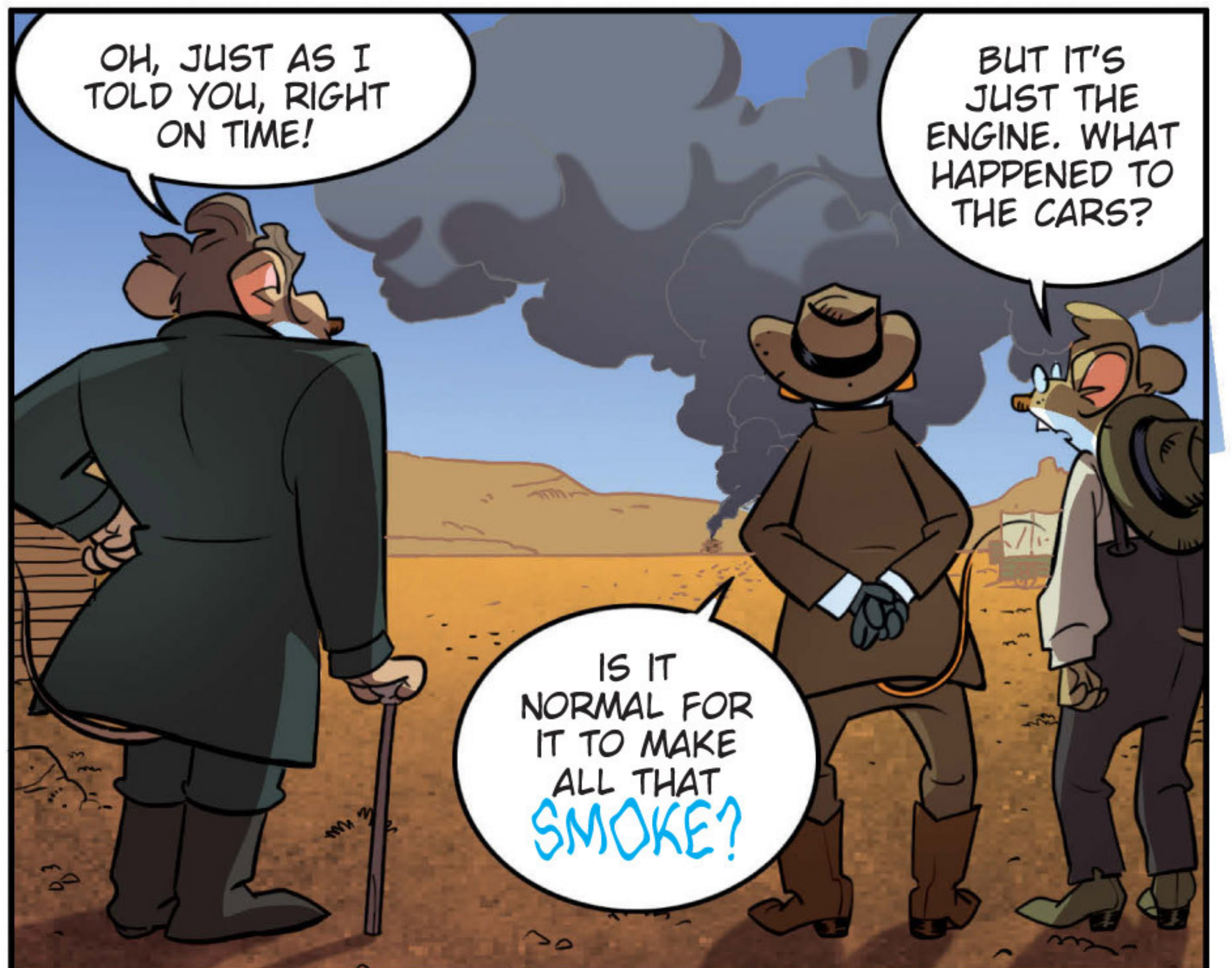
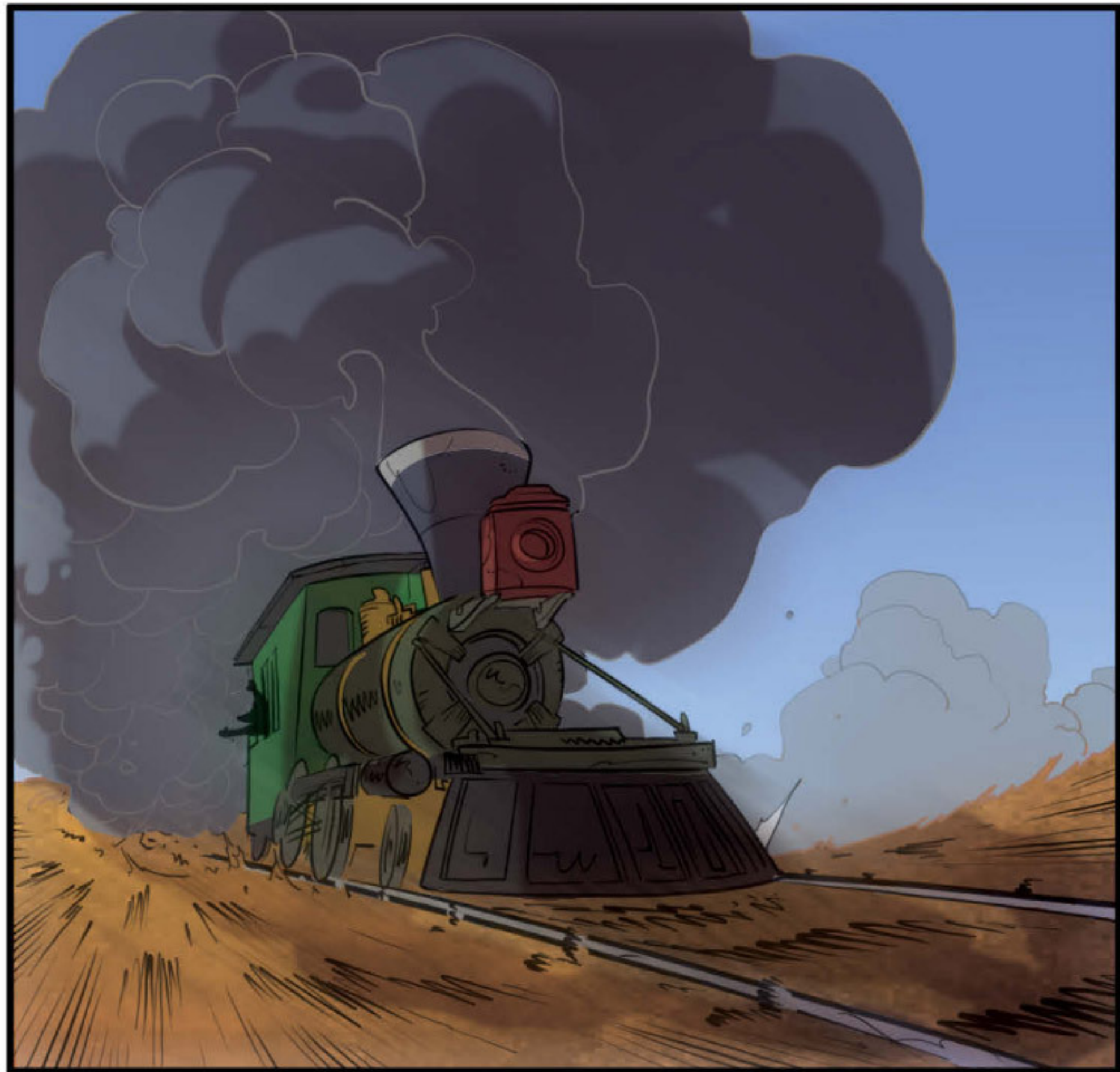
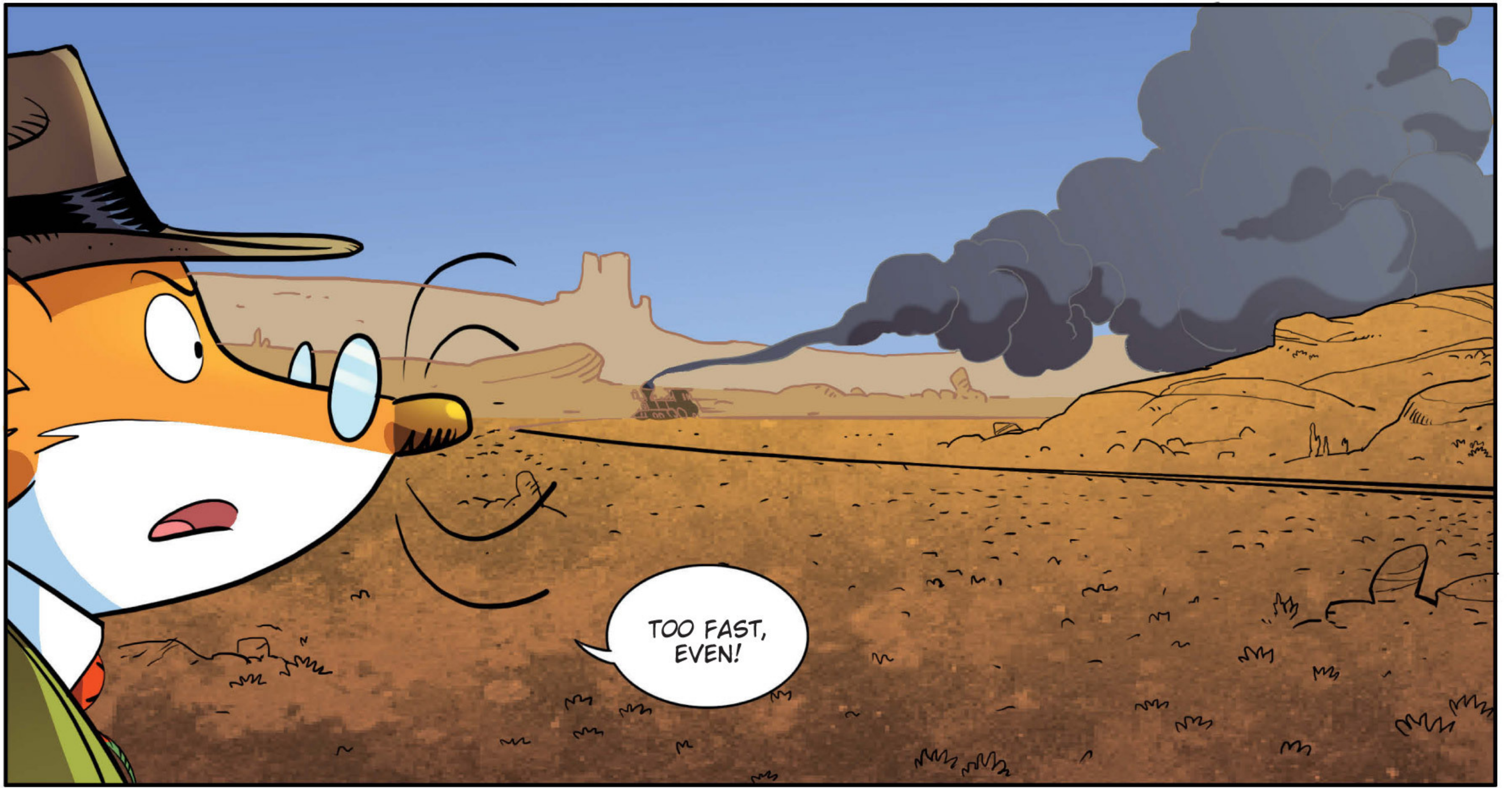
WE'LL BE RICH, YOU MEAN!

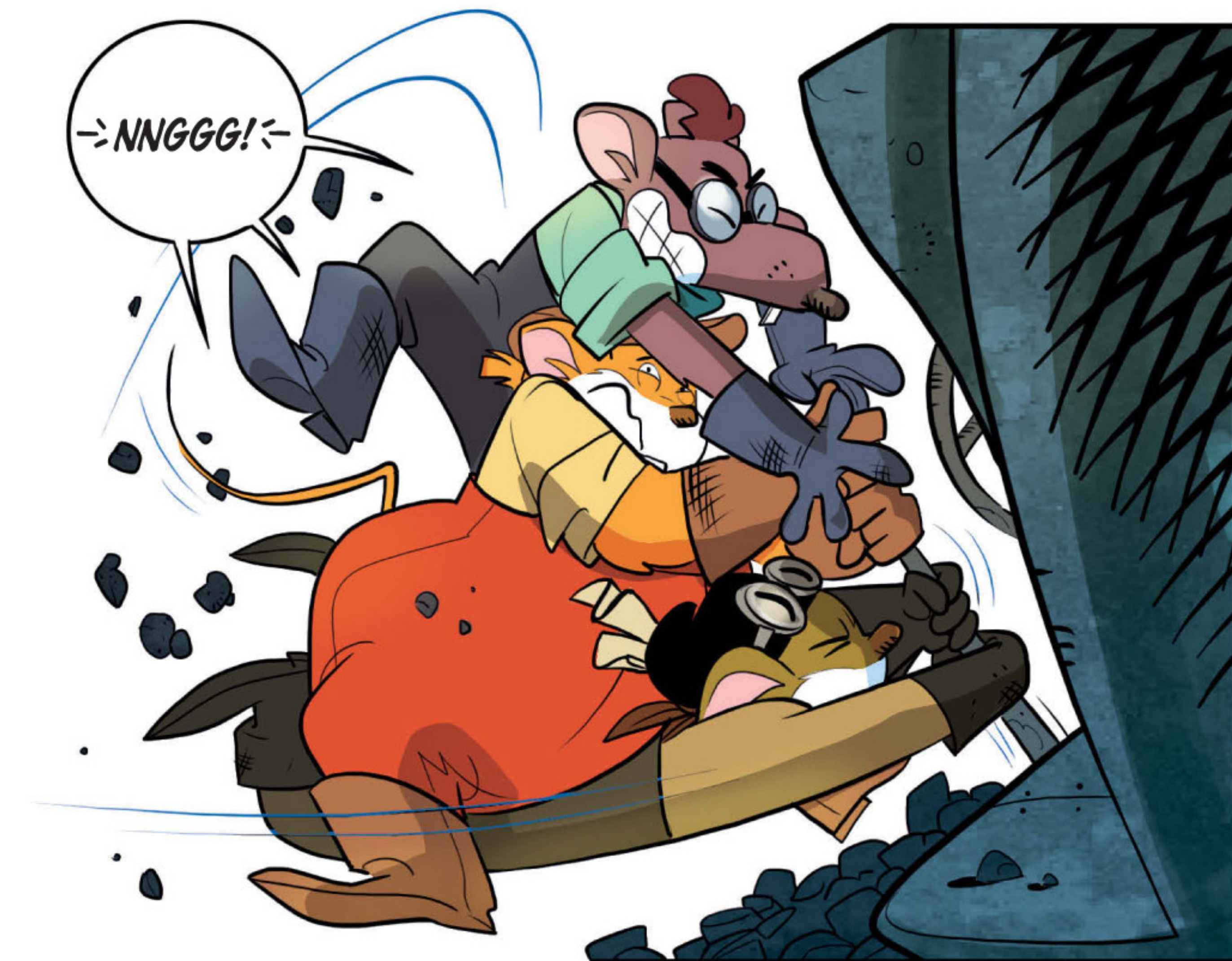
I'LL LET YOU DRIVE THE DIRIGIBLES, BUT ONLY BECAUSE I'M MAGNANIMOUS!



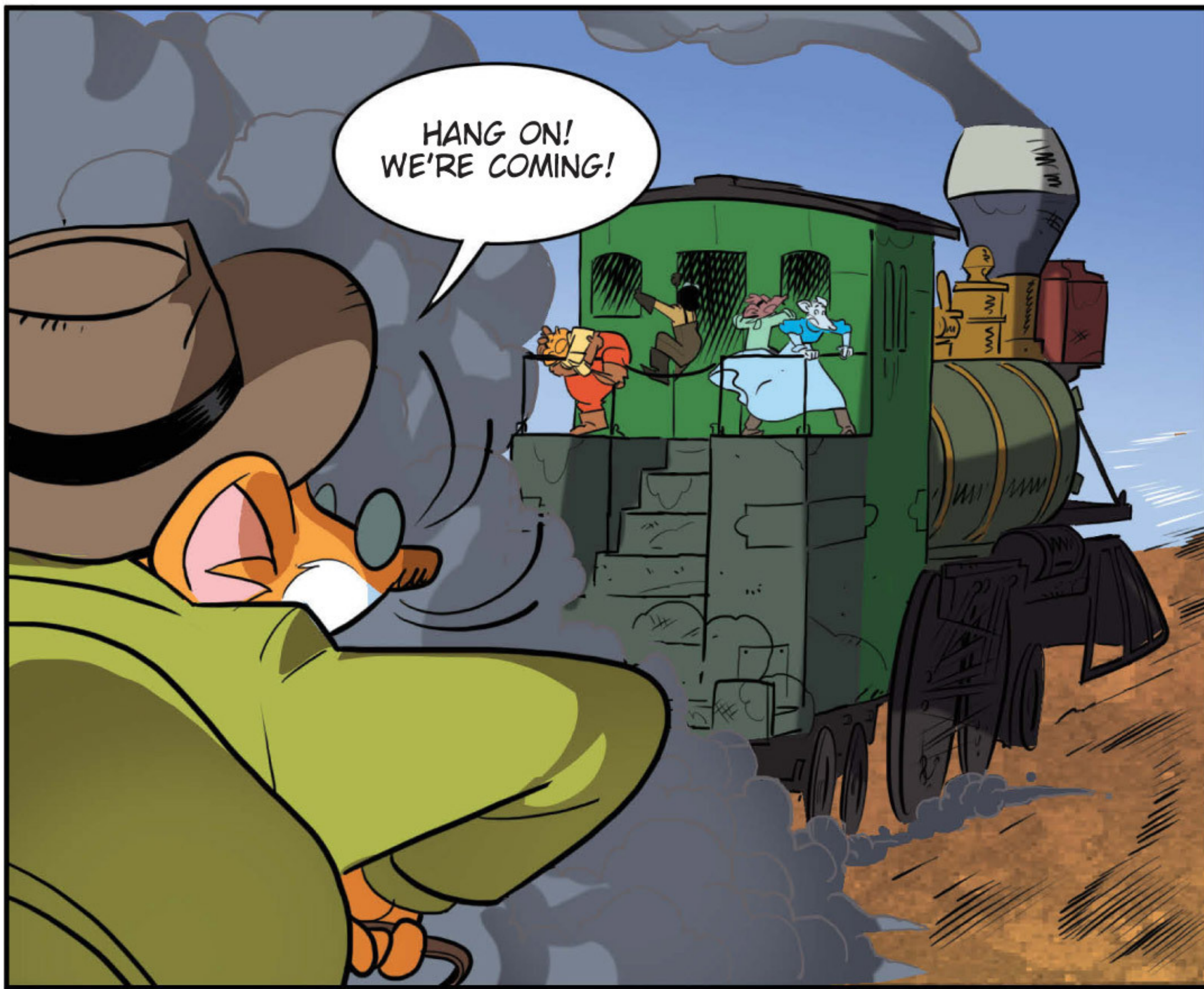
NOW LET'S GO GET A WHIFF OF THE SITUATION FROM CLOSER UP.

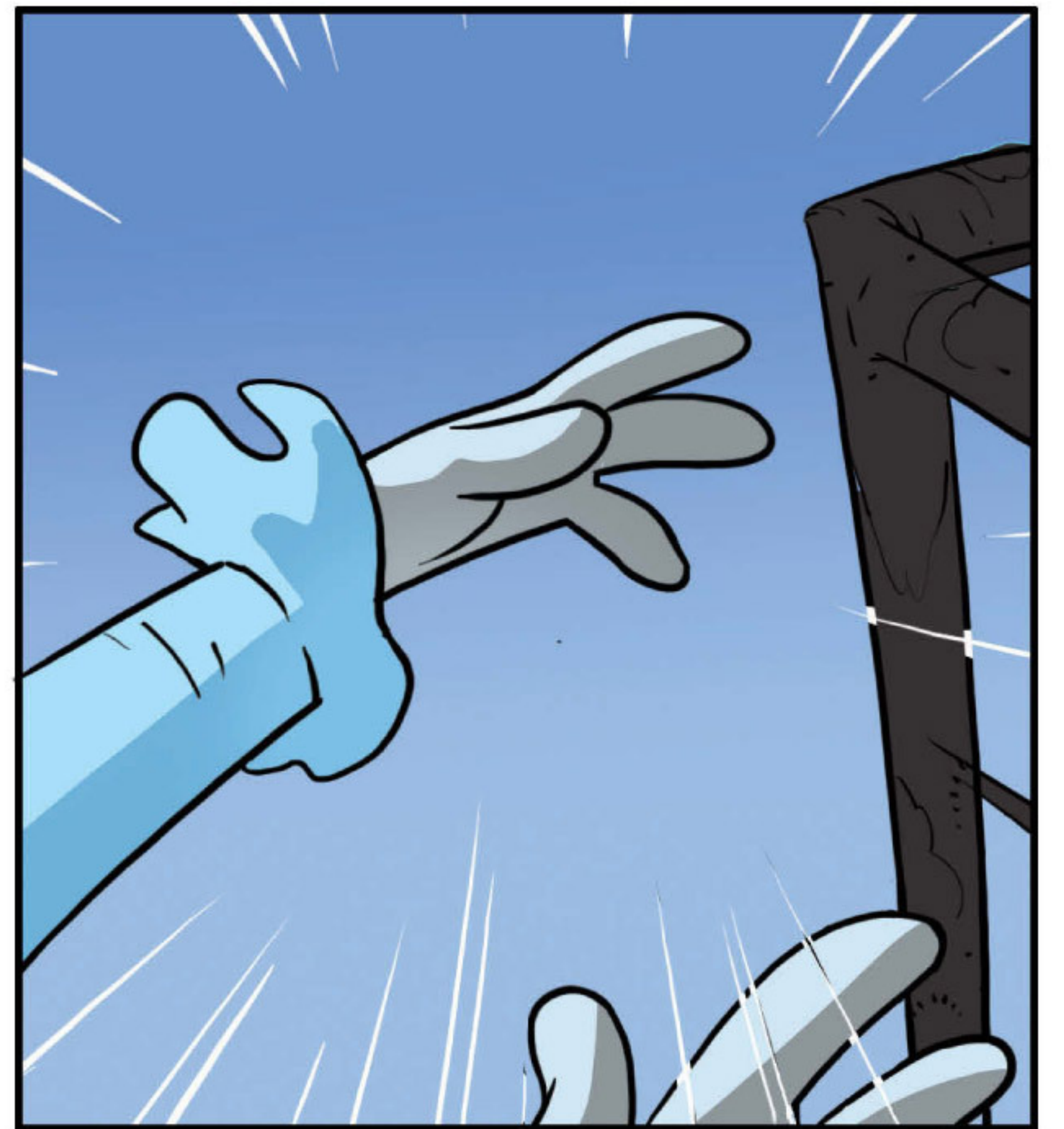
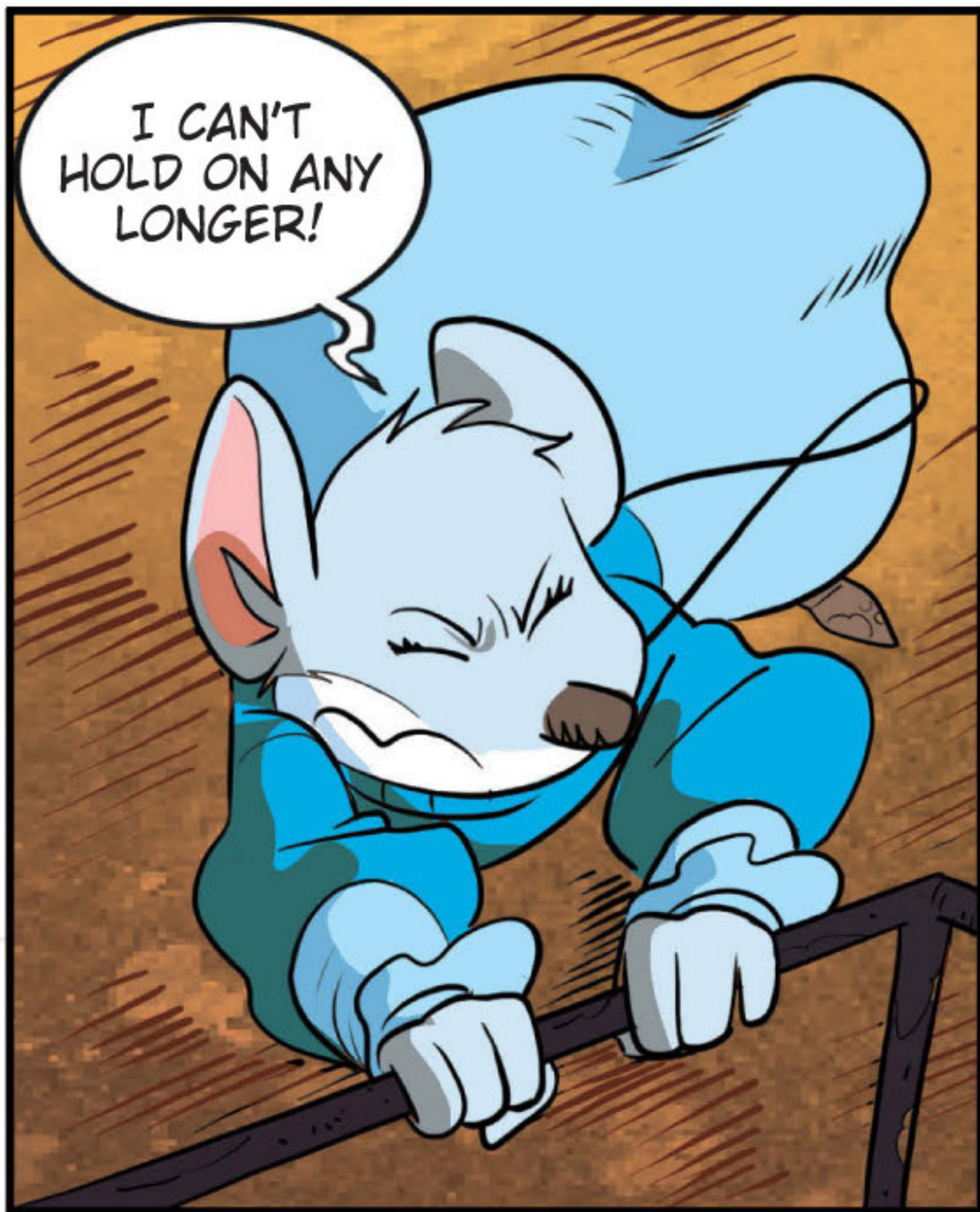


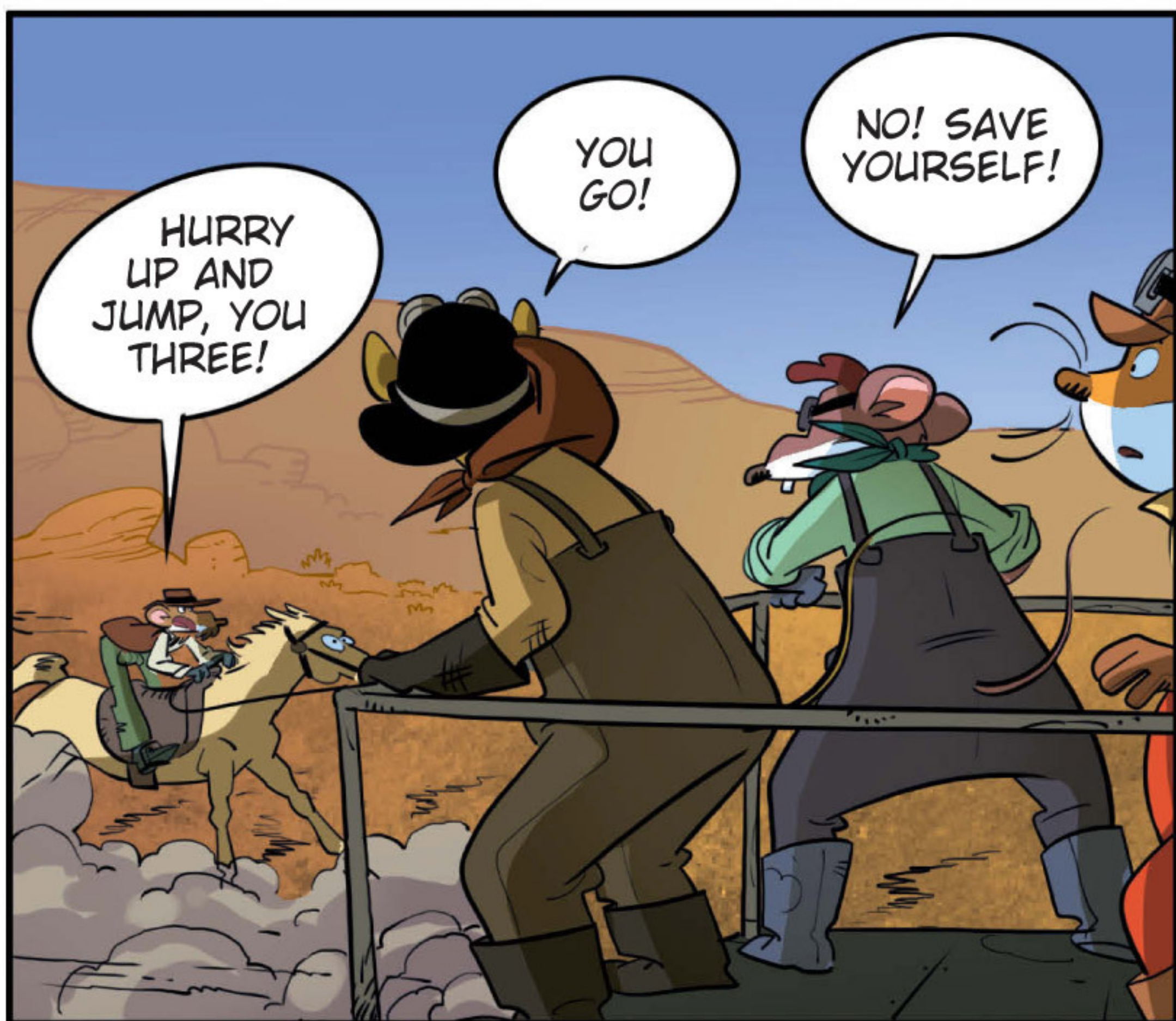


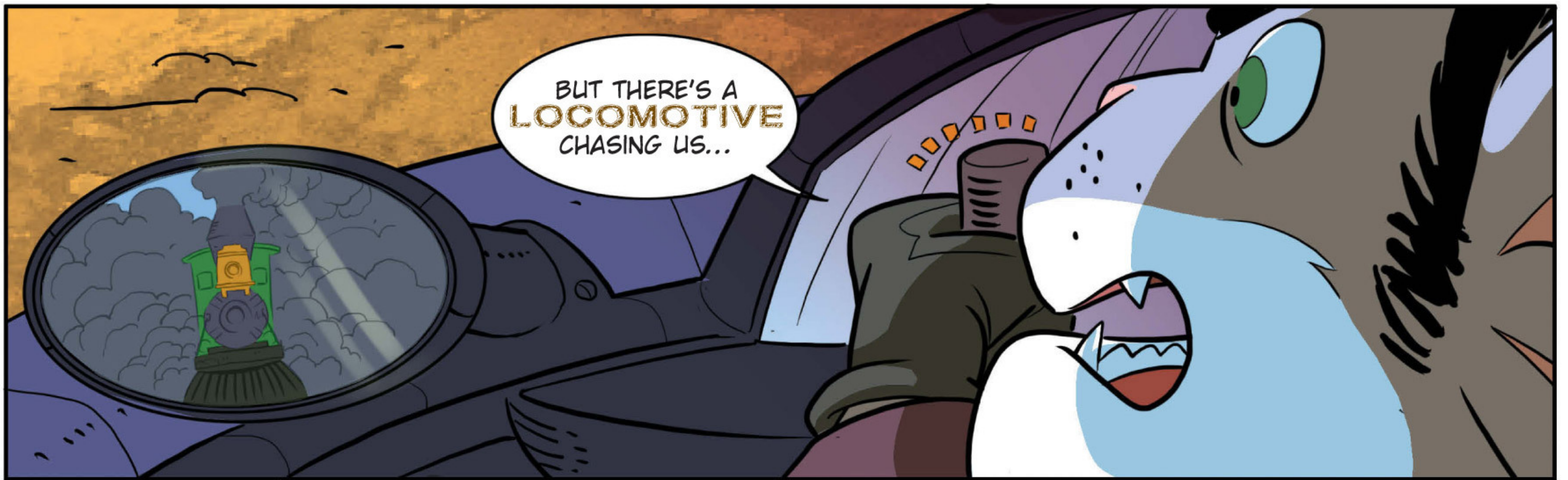
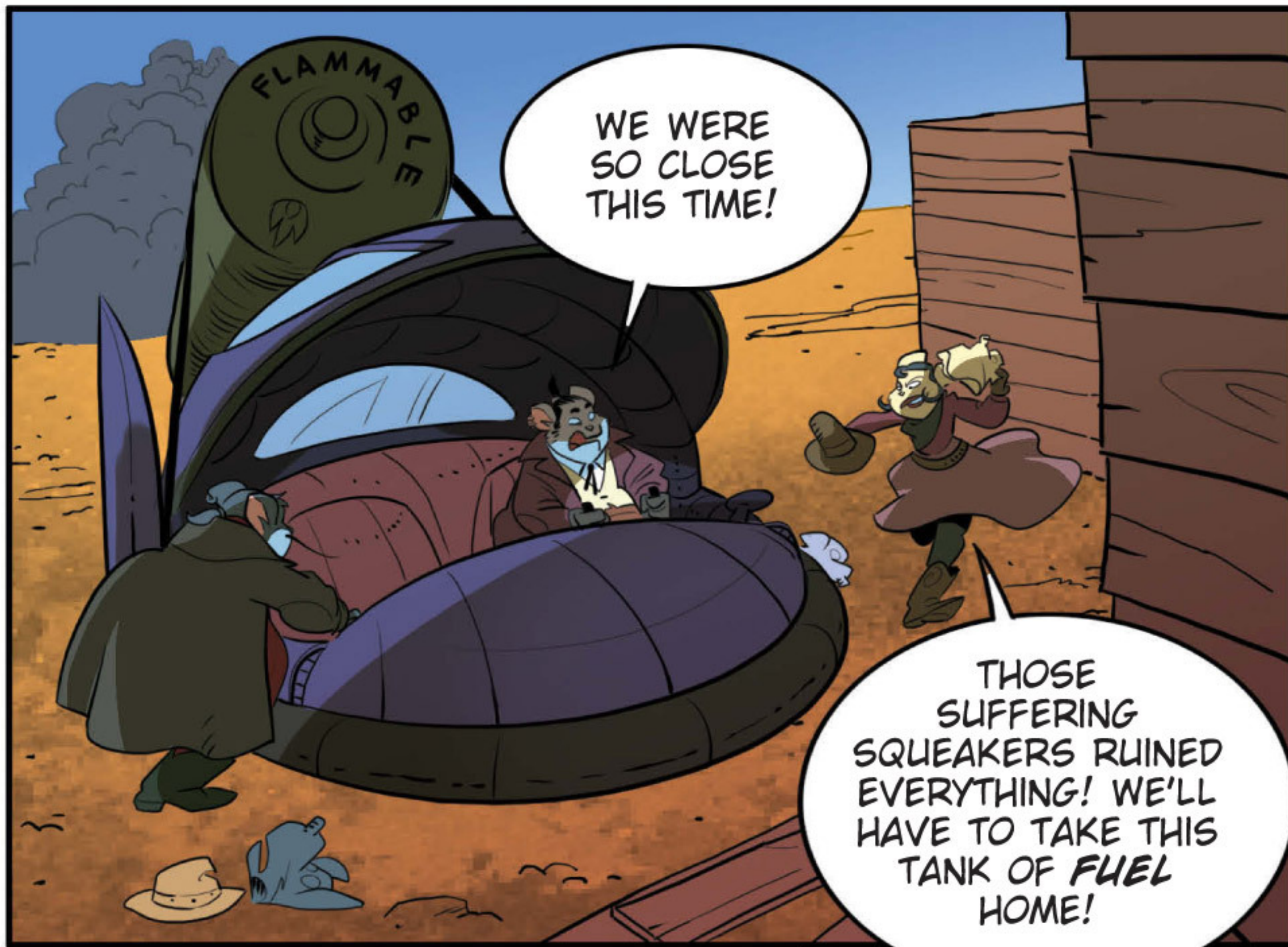






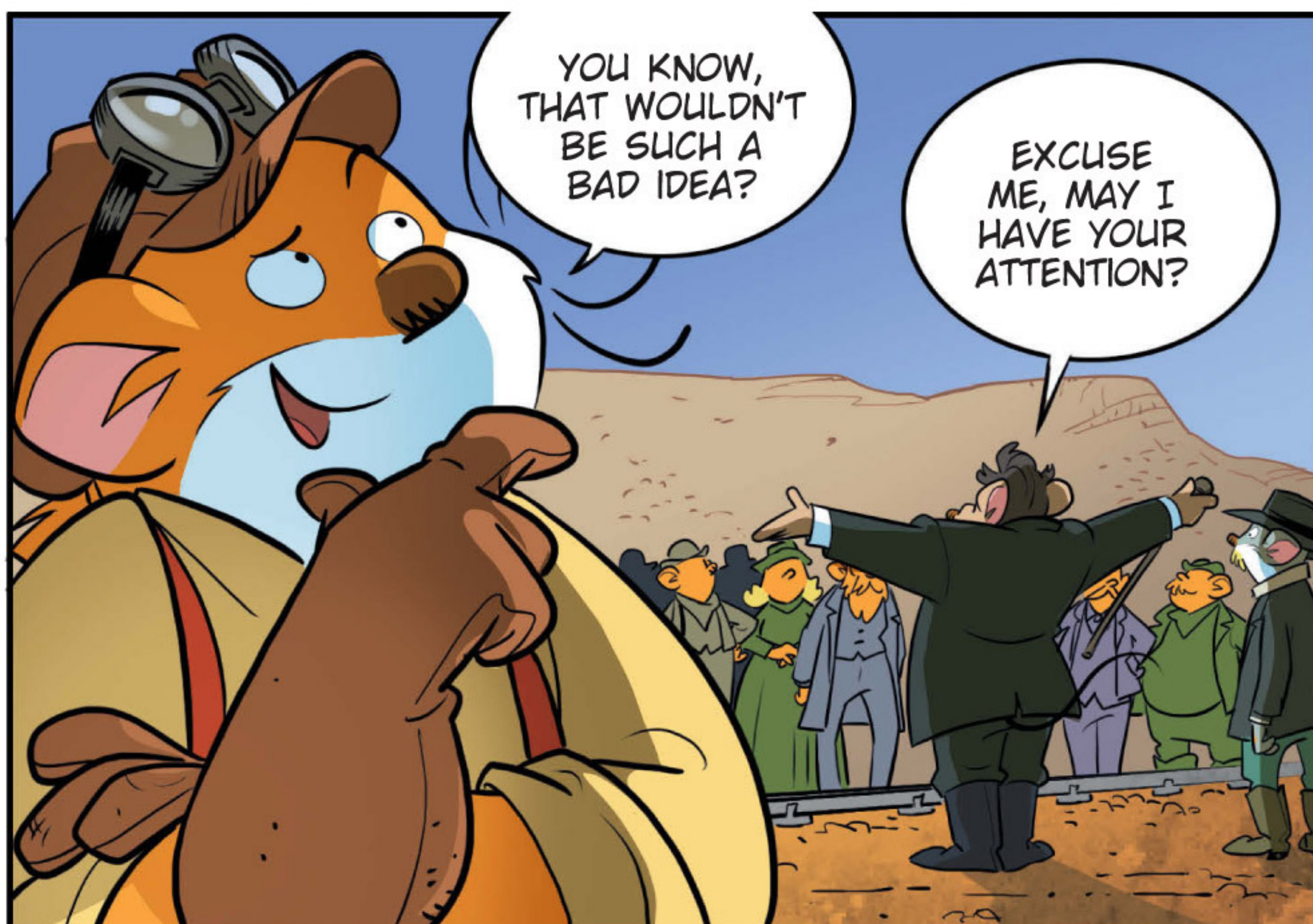
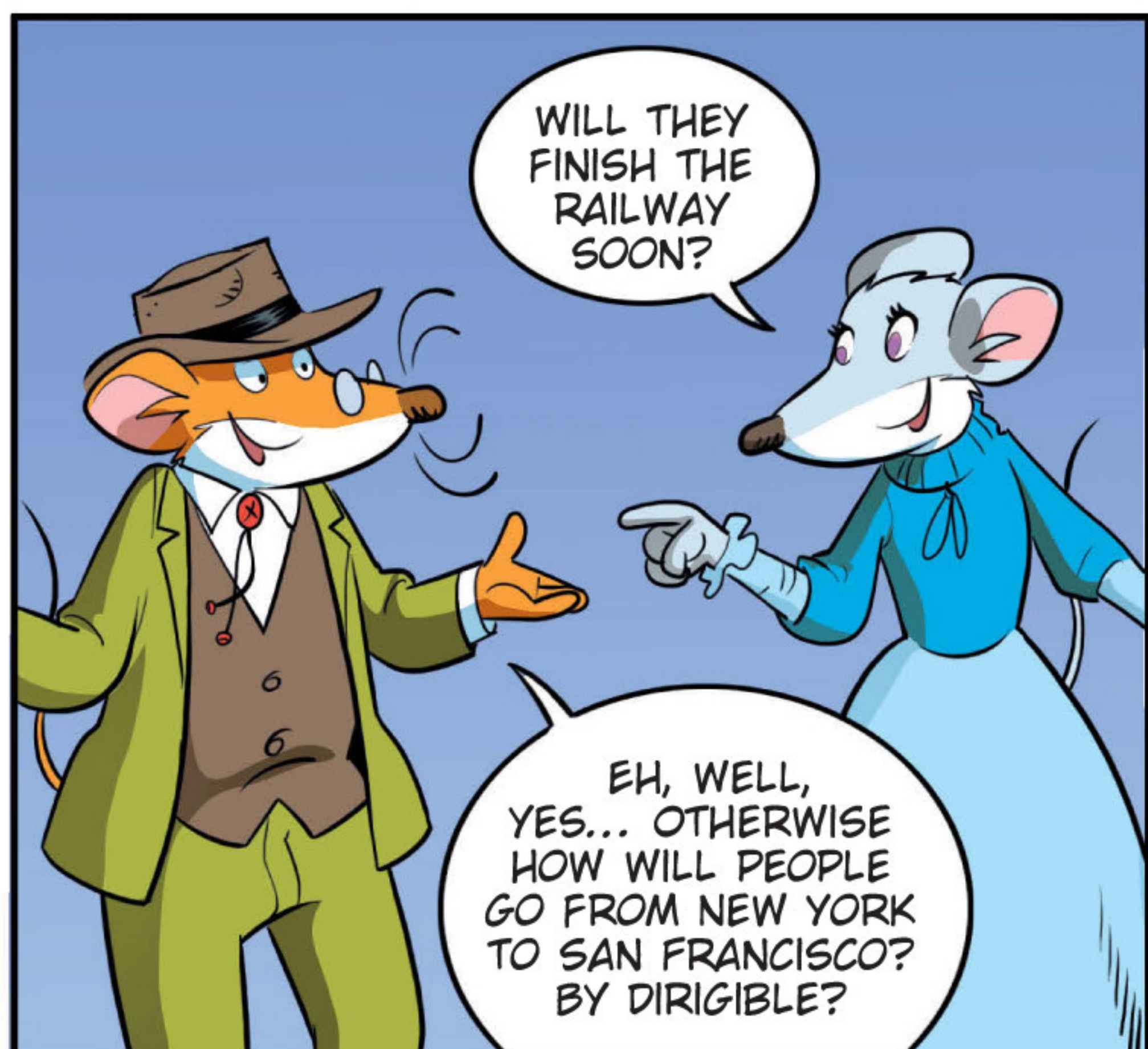


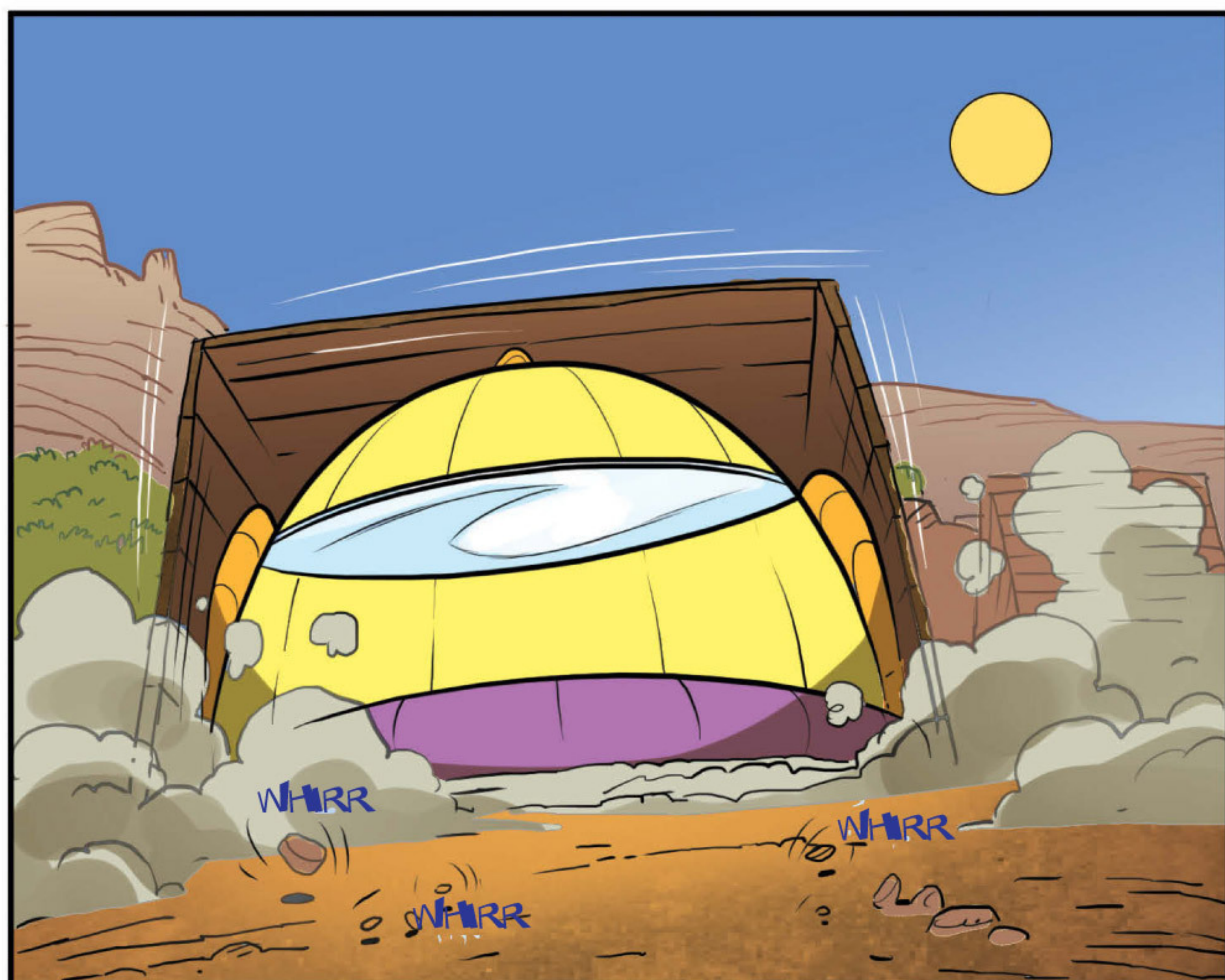
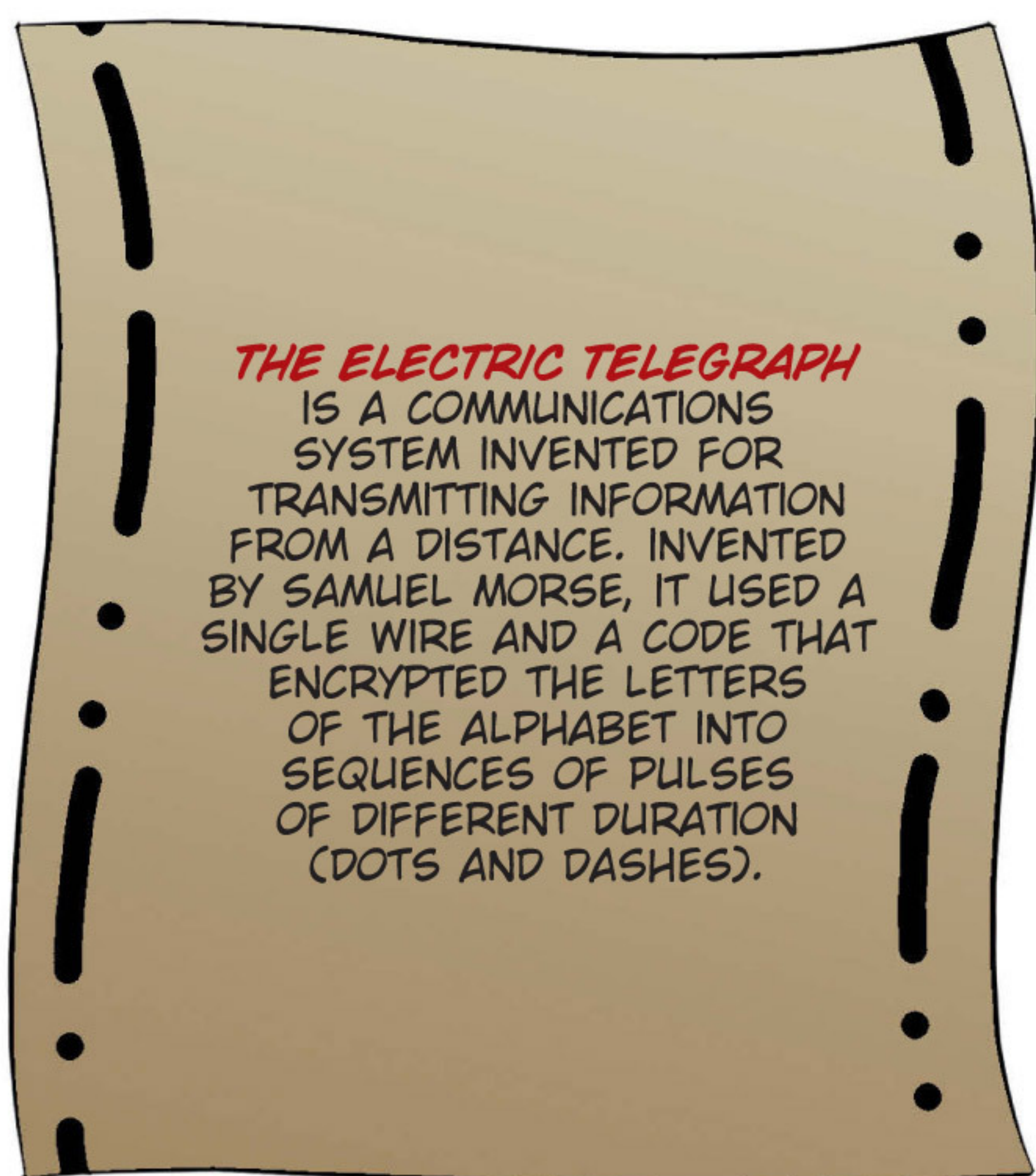
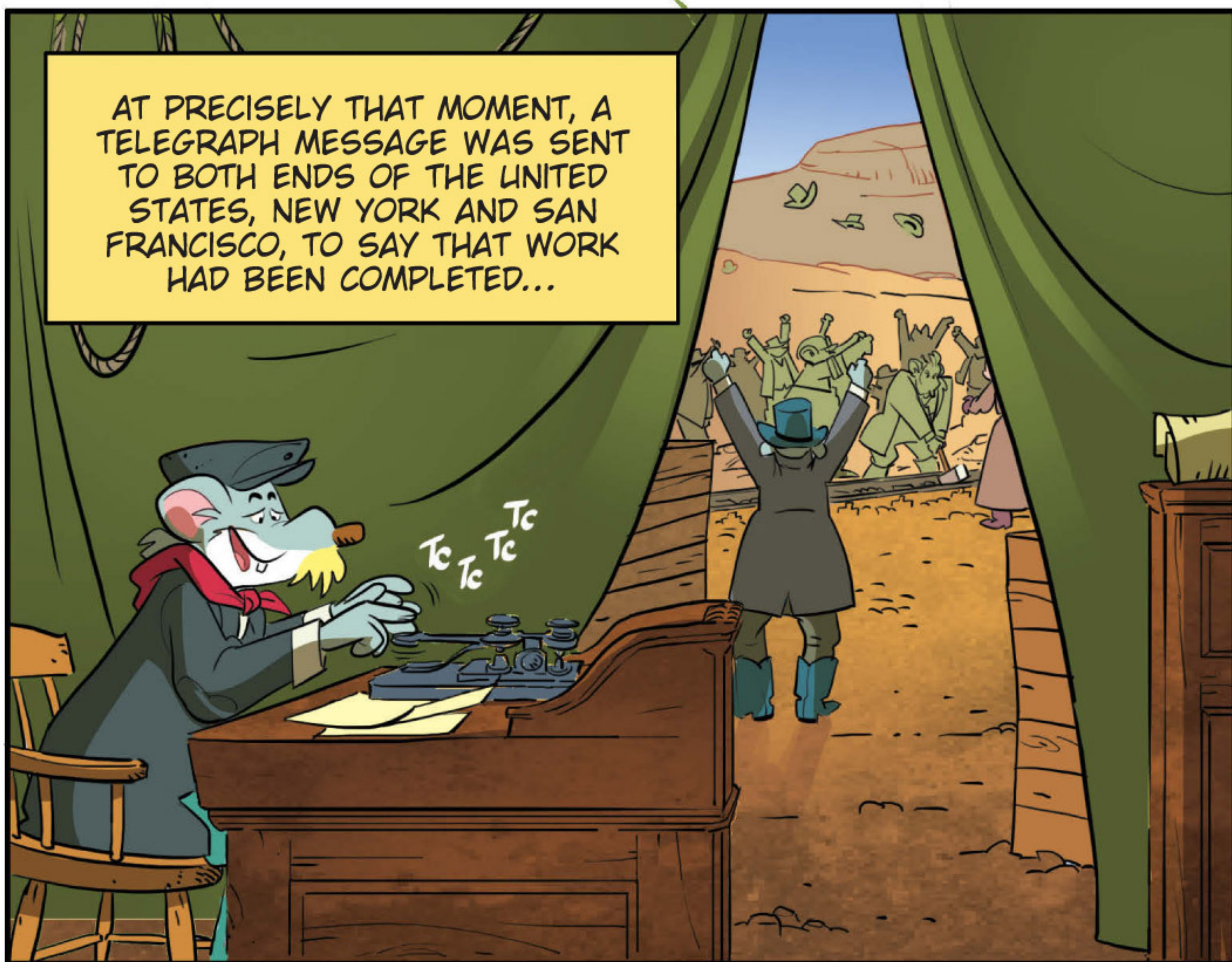


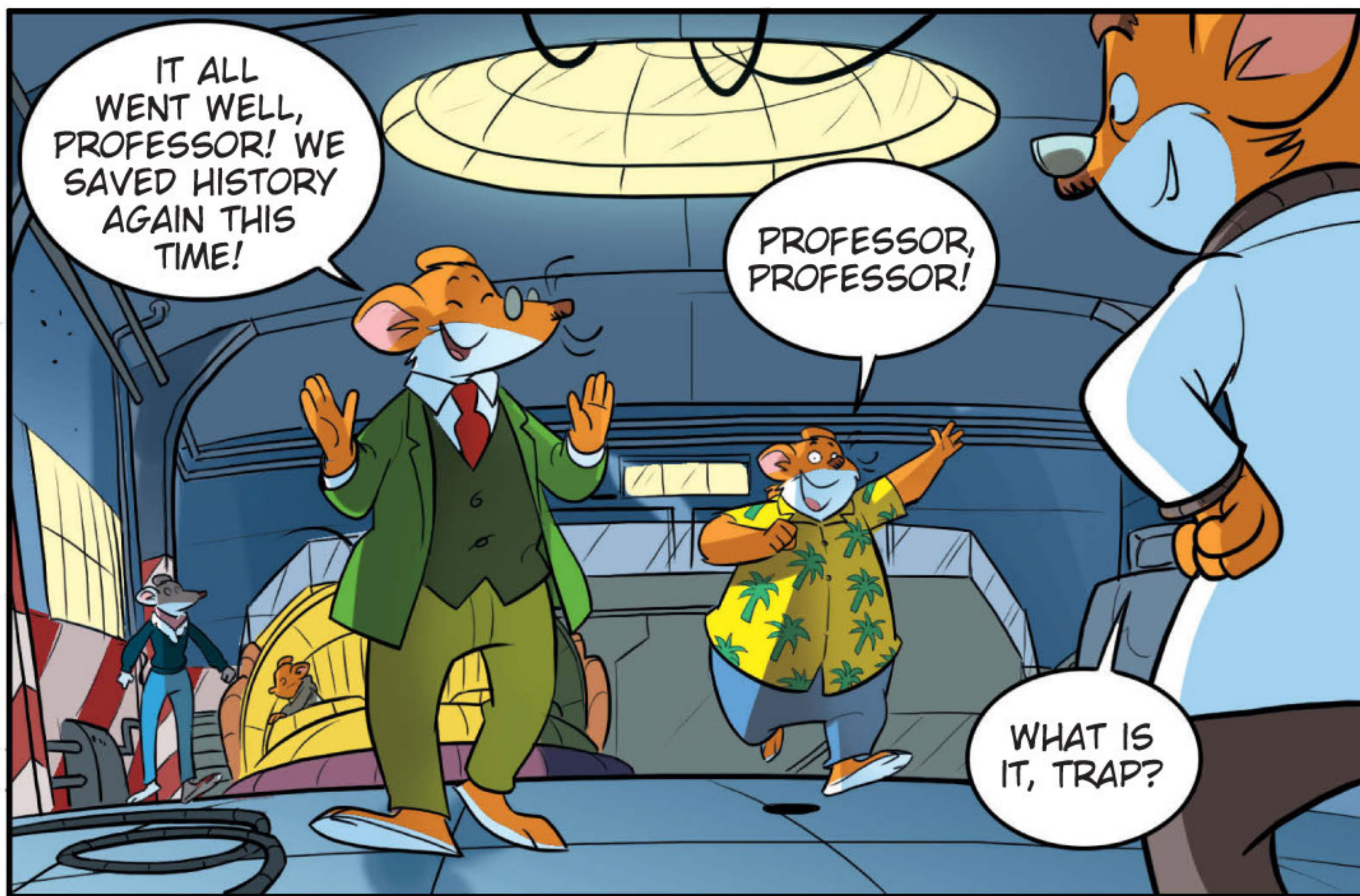


**FAREWELL,
SUFFERING
SQUEAKERS!**
WE'LL MEET EACH
OTHER AGAIN SOON!







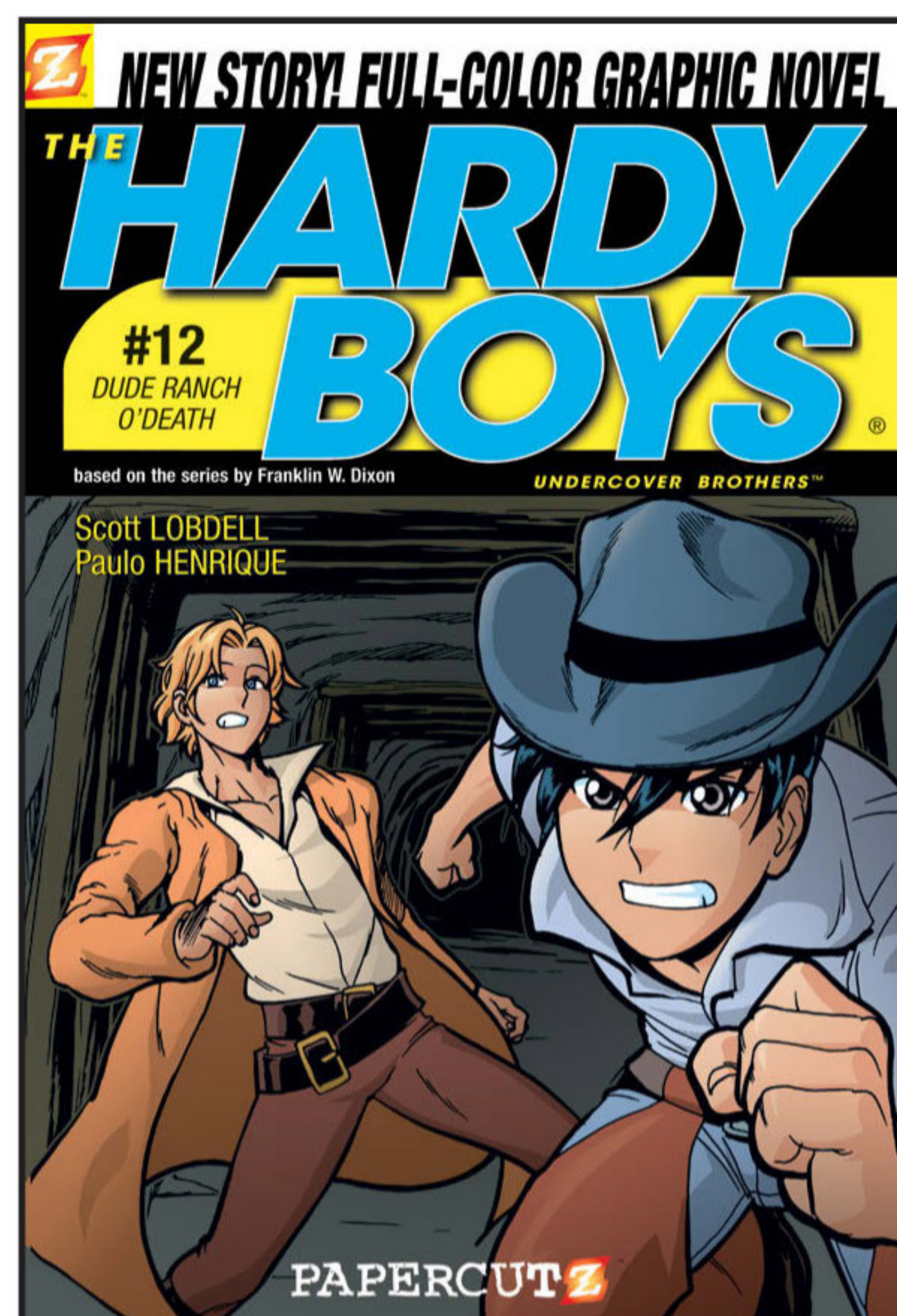




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Back when I was just a youngin, there was only one TV set for my whole family. That meant we all had to share the same TV. And this was way before cable TV or 24-hour channels with nothing but cartoons (you guys don't know how lucky you are!). My mom liked to watch romantic shows, my dad and brother liked to watch action shows (which included lots of westerns, or as my dad called them, "Shoot 'em ups"!), and I enjoyed comedies. For better or worse, we all got to watch a lot of shows we may not have been all that interested in at the time, but in my case, I'm glad I got to watch so many great Western shows such as *Gunsmoke*, *Bonanza*, *The Wild, Wild, West*, *Wagon Train*, *The Rifle Man*, *Zorro*, and many more. There were even western comedies such as *F Troop* and *Rango*, and even western cartoons such as *The Lone Ranger* and *Yosemite Sam*, which I also loved.



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Looking back, I think it's great that I was exposed to so many types of entertainment. As a result, even today I like a lot of variety—in movies, books, TV, music, food, and even in comics. Papercutz is proud to offer a great assortment of titles-- everything from ARIOL to LEGO® NINJAGO. But with exception of ZORRO and one HARDY BOYS graphic novel, we haven't published any westerns... until now (even if it does include time-traveling mice!). We hope you love "The Fastest Train in the West" as much as we do, and hope you'll be back for GERONIMO STILTON #14 "The First Mouse on the Moon." That'll be the first time Geronimo goes back into a time where I was actually alive! **MOLDY MOZZARELLA!** I'm getting really old! Check out the preview on the following pages.

See you in the future!

Jim

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THE CIRQUE
DU TOPEIL!



FOR THE EVENT, I'D INVITED
MY RELATIVES, BUT I HADN'T
SEEN THEM GET HERE YET.

SKRITCH
SKRITCH

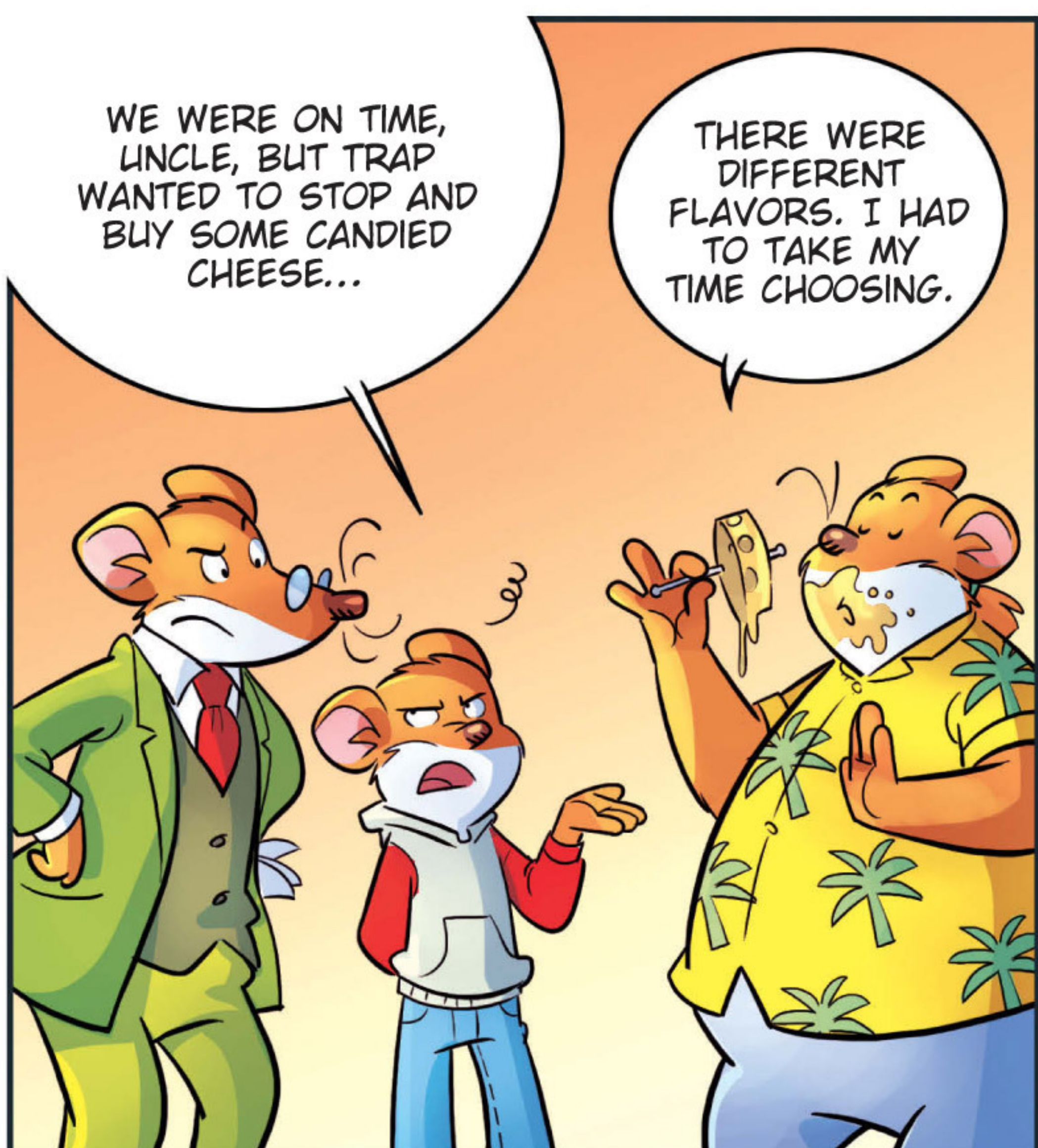
GERONIMO!



BUT I'M SO SCATTERBRAINED:
I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED
MYSELF! MY NAME IS
STILTON, *Geronimo Stilton!*,
AND I EDIT THE RODENT'S
GAZETTE, THE MOST FAMOUSE
PAPER ON MOUSE ISLAND!

HERE
YOU ARE,
FINALLY!

AND THAT'S MY SISTER,
THEA, MY COUSIN, TRAP,
AND MY NEPHEW,
BENJAMIN, WITH HIS
FRIEND BUGSY WUGSY.



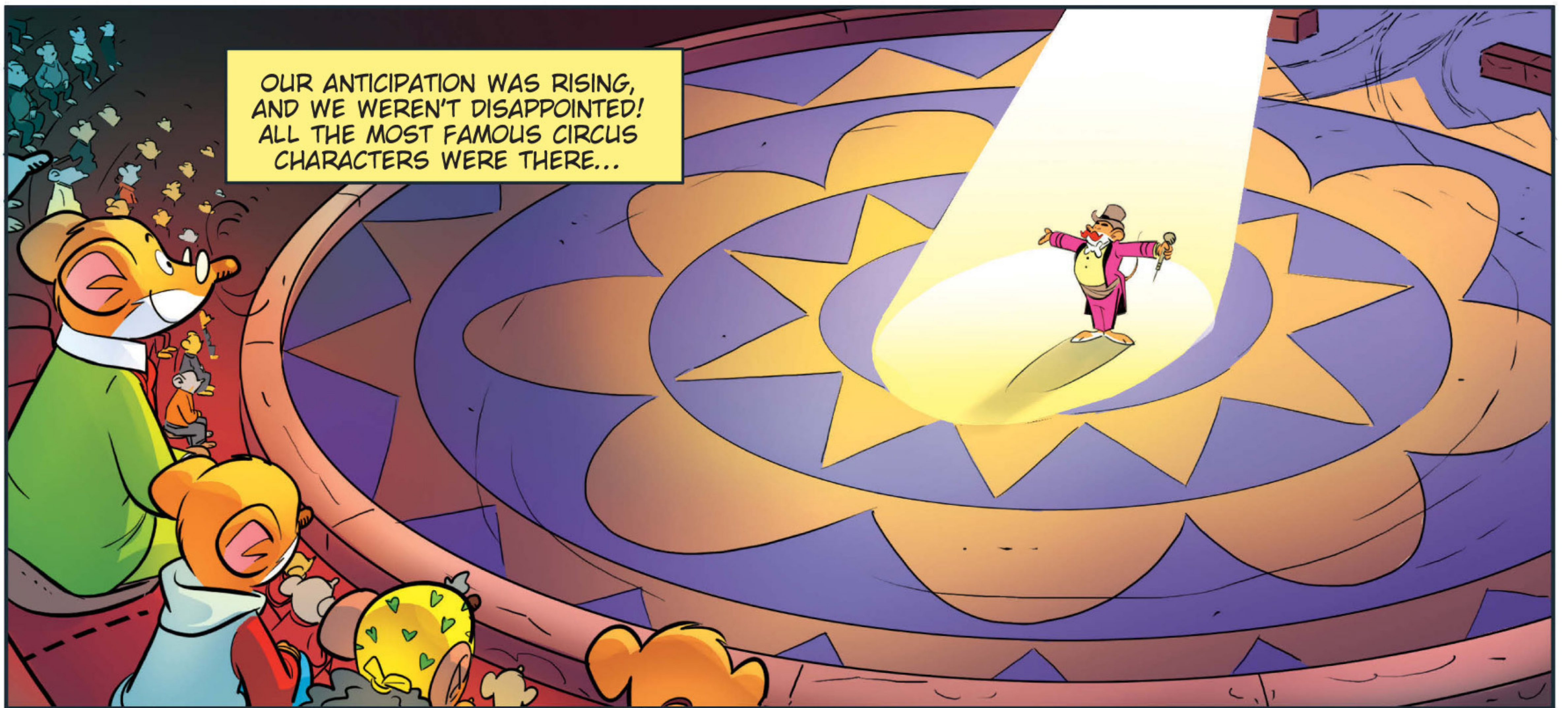
WE WERE ON TIME,
UNCLE, BUT TRAP
WANTED TO STOP AND
BUY SOME CANDIED
CHEESE...

THERE WERE
DIFFERENT
FLAVORS. I HAD
TO TAKE MY TIME
CHOOSING.



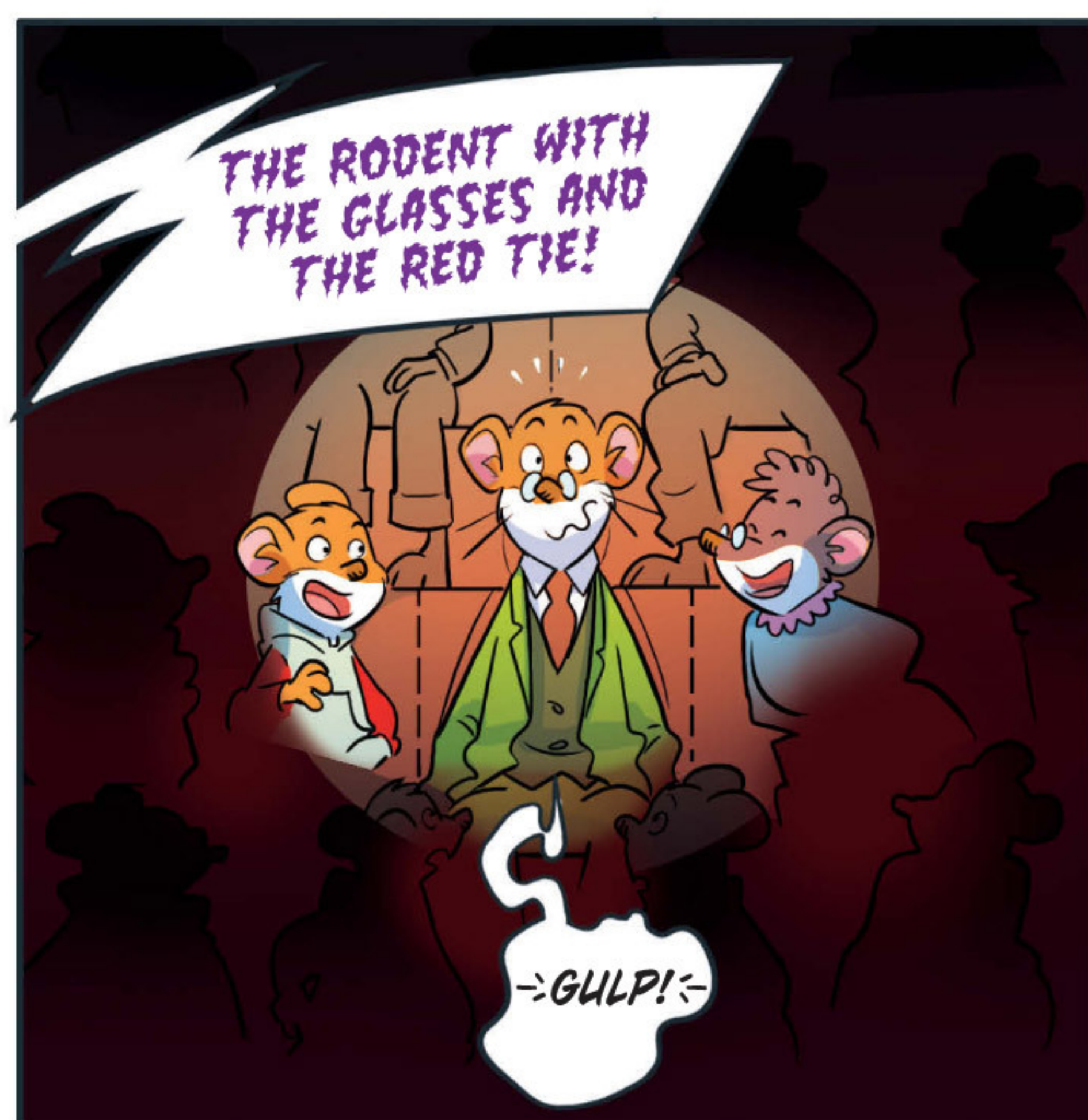
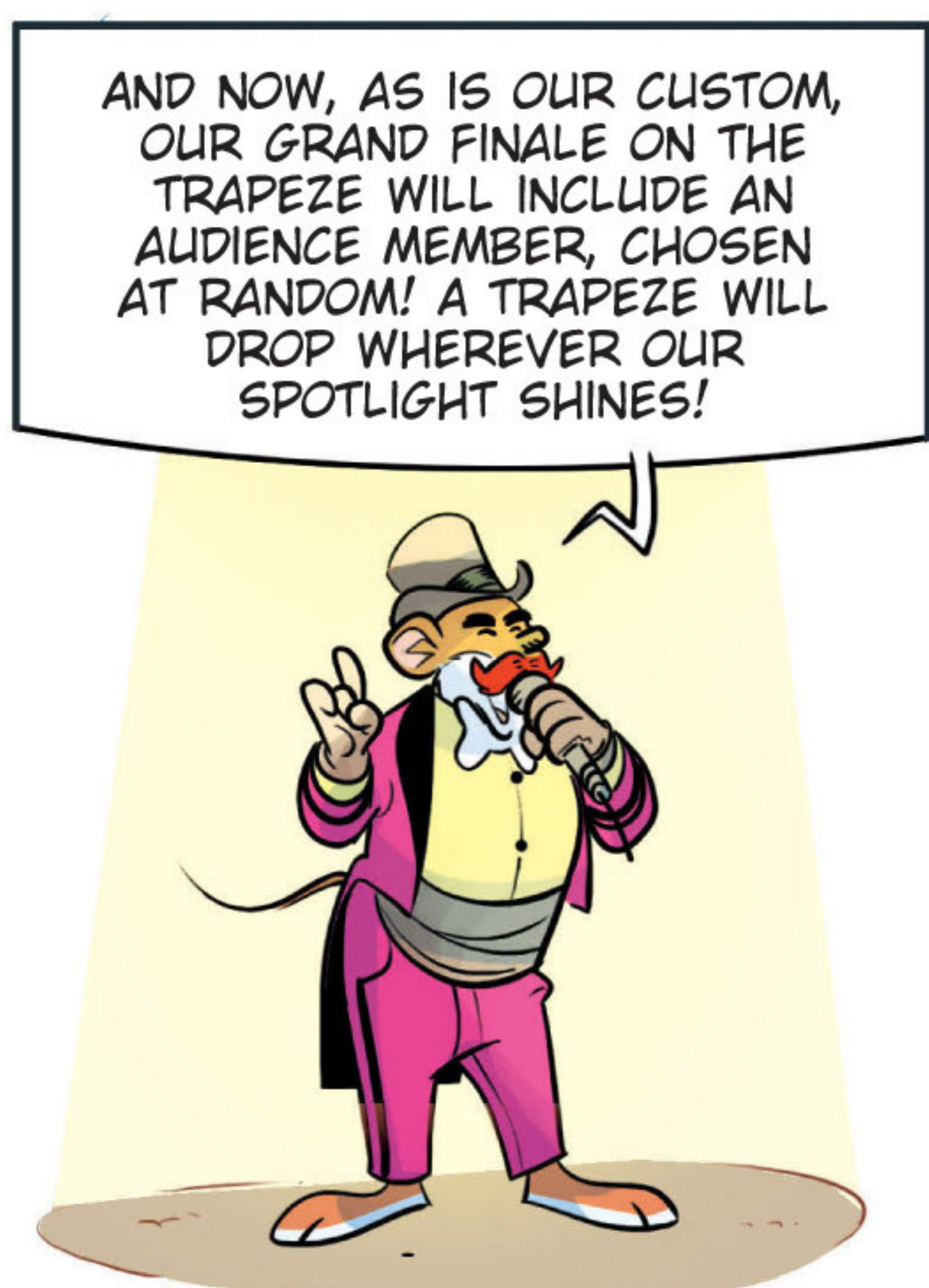
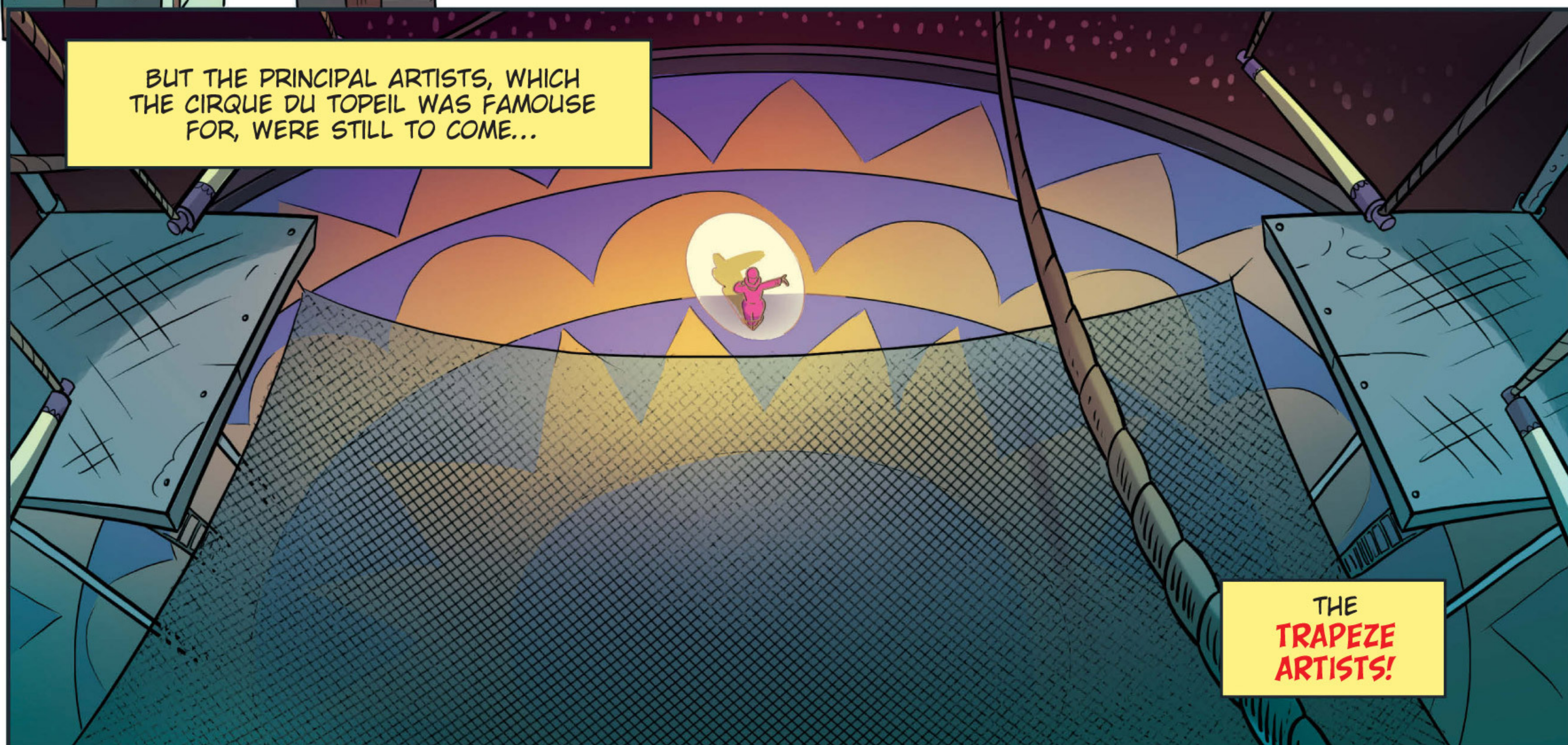
COME ON, THE
SHOW'S ABOUT
TO BEGIN!

YOU DIDN'T TELL
US HOW YOU
GOT THESE
TICKETS!

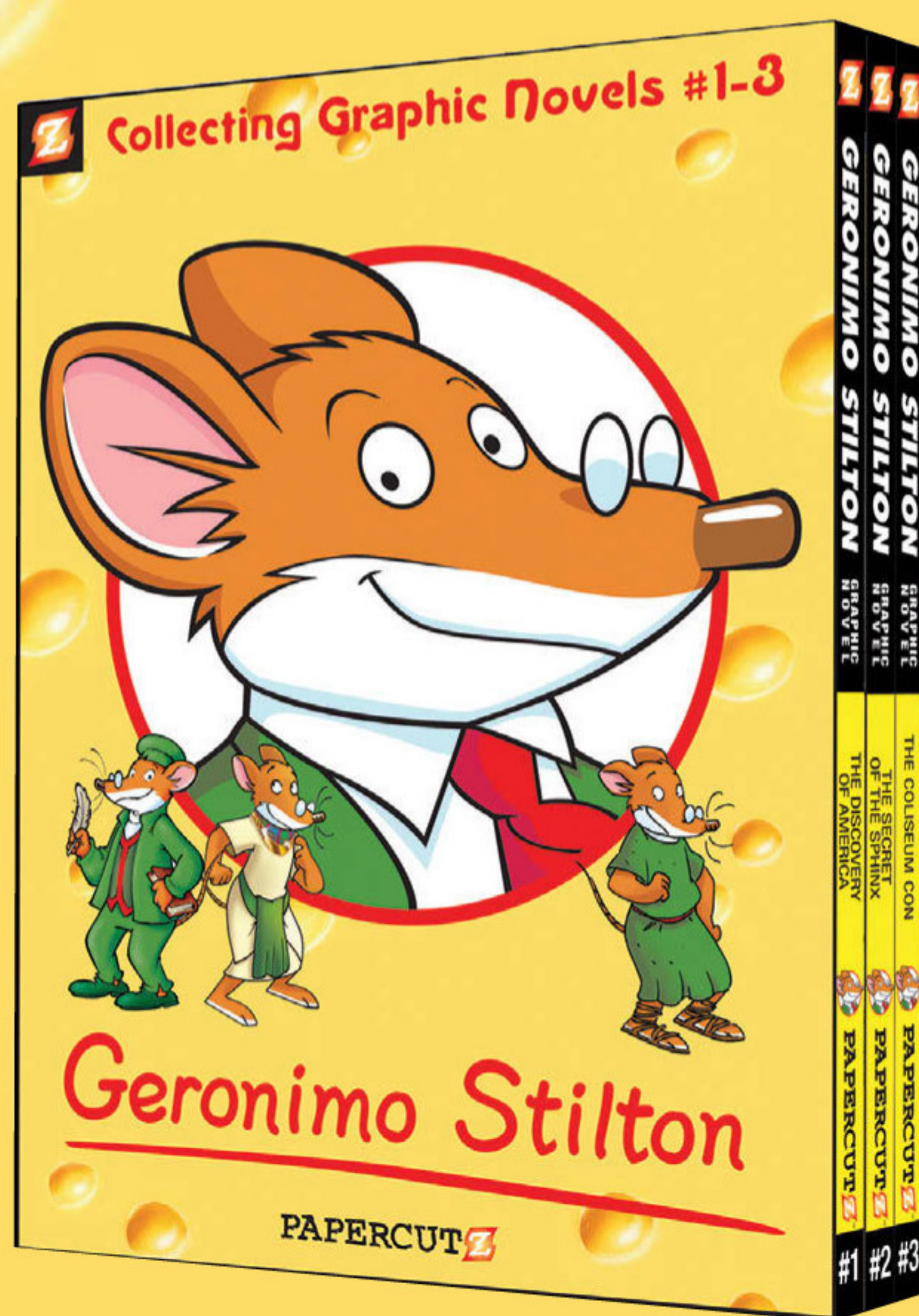


THE
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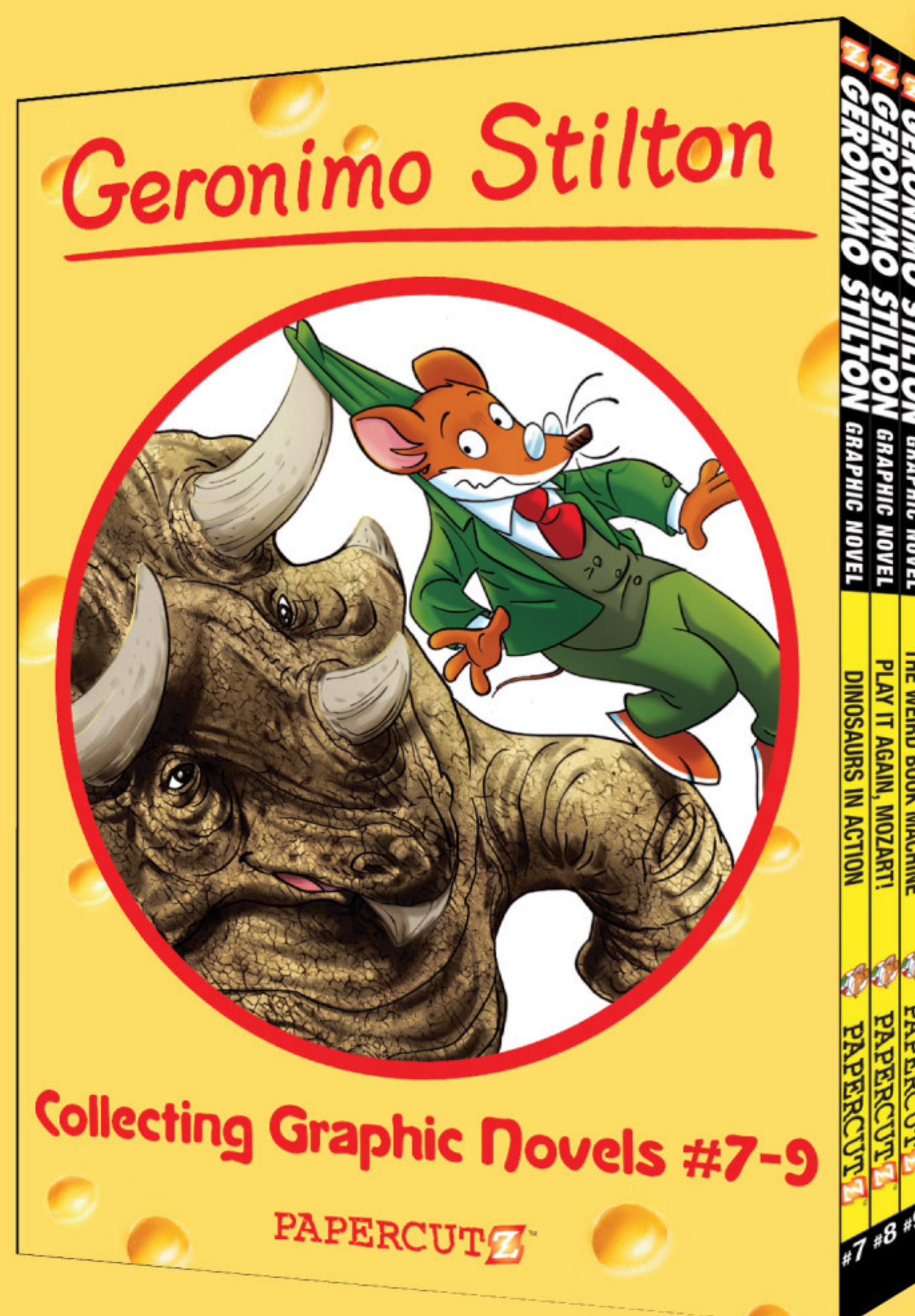




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